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NEW SCENE GUIDE!

Tragic deaths of two scene personalities



Last month saw the passing of two well-known and much-loved personalities from the Birmingham LGBT scene.

Tributes have poured in following the untimely deaths of Dez Barrett - former general manager at The Village - and Saathi founder Perdes Simplay.

The news of Dez's death was announced via Facebook on 14 March by his lifetime friend, Phil Oldershaw, who commented: "Dez was my brother from another mother, a person I have shared ups and downs, tears and laughter and most of all, a huge portion of my life with as my best friend. I am gutted to the core. He was a beautiful soul, friend and lifelong energy that shall live on in spirit forever. Taken far

too young and will be truly missed."

With the gay village still coming to terms with the loss of Dez, news broke on Wednesday 20 March about the tragic circumstances surrounding Perdes' death the previous Sunday (17 March). He had fallen 20ft from a property in Torquay.

Perdes Simplay was instrumental in setting up and organising Saathi Night - a popular regular event held at The Nightingale for like-minded members of the Asian LGBTQ community who want to come together and party.



Commenting on the devastating news, David Nash, Operations Director at The Nightingale Club, said: "We are deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of our friend and colleague, Perdes Simplay. We've worked very closely with Perdes and the team from Saathi during their tenure at the Nightingale Club over the last six years. We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to his friends and family and all involved with Saathi."

The recent deaths of Dez and Perdes follow last year's tragic passing of Spencer Cormell, a much-loved DJ, personality and regular at many Birmingham venues, who died suddenly on 21 November.

Spencer, Dez and Perdes made their mark, in different ways, on the region's LGBTQ scene.

As a mark of respect, and as a thank you for everything they contributed, we dedicate our Midlands Zone Lifetime Achievement Award jointly to Spencer Cormell, Dez Barrett and Perdes Simplay.

Sleep tight, guys xxx

Queer As Folk creator in Brum

Russell T Davies - the creator, writer and producer of iconic LGBT television series *Queer As Folk* - will take part in a Q&A session at Birmingham's Midlands Arts Centre (MAC) next month (Saturday 18 May).



Twenty years after his hit TV show first caused a stir, Davies will talk about *Queer As Folk*'s impact and legacy, as well as taking questions from the audience. The Q&A will be accompanied by a screening of three episodes of the TV series.

The event forms part of MAC's Controversy season - a series of screenings and special events focusing on some of the most controversial films and TV programmes ever created.

Flying the LGBT flag at Molineux

The first ever meeting of Pride Of Molineux - Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club's LGBT Supporters Group - has been hailed a success by its organisers.

The event, which took place at Wolves' Molineux stadium on 25 March, saw people come together to discuss inclusivity at the Premier League club.

The LGBT flag now flies high above Wolves' football ground. Interested in showing your support? Then follow the guys on Twitter @molineuxpride





Have ya heard?

Massive Brum bar refurbishment!

One of Birmingham's favourite gay venues is currently undergoing a significant refurbishment. Owner, David Dindol commented, "Missing Bar is having the most extensive refurbishment in over a decade - including new sound and lighting, and a new bar. We're all very excited here for the relaunch party in April!"



Years & Years to headline Birmingham Pride

Organisers of Birmingham Pride have announced Years & Years as the latest addition to the festival's line-up.

The indie synth pop trio - best known for hits Shine, Desire and King - head a mega programme of Pride 2019 artists and will perform on The Virgin Train Main Stage on the Saturday evening.

Fronted by Oilly Alexander, who this

month features on the front cover of Midlands Zone - the band recently took to Facebook to share their excitement about performing at Birmingham Pride.

Other recently announced acts include '90s pop sensations Sive, Mabel and local hip-hop queen Lady Leshurr.

For full details of Pride's 2019 line-up and how to purchase tickets, visit birminghampride.com

Speak out against censorship

Squirt.org has launched a campaign to fight back against the ever-increasing impact of censorship on dating apps.

Promoting the launch of the #CensorshipSucks campaign, the dating app recently commented: 'From a Squirt.org perspective, we don't rely on app stores to connect with our members, so we've been fortunate to dodge that particular bullet. However, we're acutely aware that censorship of adult and sex-positive content is only increasing. We can't be complacent.

The rising tide of censorship and online regulation could soon put us all out of business, making it no longer feasible for us to provide the types of services and content that our members value - services and content that also play an important role in our community. So, we want to take a stand. We want to send a message. We can't stay silent in the face of increasing censorship.'

Join the campaign at #CensorshipSucks and get your voice heard!



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Midlands Zone columnist Stephen Spinks delves deeper into the on-going debate...

Several weeks ago, a highly divisive argument erupted in the quiet corners of Parkfield Community School in Birmingham's Salfley district, the outcome of which has hit national headlines, been subject to debate in parliament, and opened up a much broader conversation with parents and community groups alike. At the heart of the row is the right to teach primary school age children of all faiths the importance of same-sex relationships...

We are not talking detailed sex education here, like you get at secondary school, but rather lessons about what constitutes a modern family. The lessons' focus is simple: some pupils may have two mums or two dads. This is discussed and celebrated through books like Mommy, Mama And Me and King & King, and delivered in a safe and inclusive educational environment.

WE MUST TEACH TOLERANCE

The primary focus of these lessons is to teach tolerance of a diverse group of people of all genders, sexual orientations and races. By their very nature, the lessons are carefully written, beautifully balanced and highly inclusive - something many would agree is welcome, as teaching the next generation about respect on the basis of difference can only help strengthen and positively build our modern, diverse society.

AGE APPROPRIATE?

Yet at the centre of this controversy lies a simple but seemingly highly divisive question. Are these lessons age-appropriate?

The lessons, devised by Parkfield's

Parkfield's assistant headteacher, Andrew Moffat devised the No Outsiders lessons

assistant headteacher, Andrew Moffat, and taught under the title of No Outsiders, form an exciting programme that has been adopted by schools right across the UK. It's part of the programme entitled Challenging Homophobia In Primary Schools.

Moffat, himself gay and in a civil partnership, has been awarded an MBE for his tireless work in promoting equalities through education. He was also shortlisted for the prestigious World's Best Teacher Award. His bravery and hard work in driving the No Outsiders programme has been welcomed by many and applauded by many more - in marked contrast to the days of Section 28, when conversations like this were strictly prohibited.

DOGGED BY CONTROVERSY

Yet in being brave and taking a leap of faith, Moffat has been dogged by controversy, having resigned from another Birmingham school, Chilwell



Croft Academy, after a similar dispute with conservative Muslim and Christian parents. Sadly, the row that has recently erupted at Parkfield means that Moffat is once again having to tread the same uncomfortable path.

Things started off well enough. But then one of the parents, Fatima Shah, withdrew her 10-year-old daughter from one of the five annual No Outsiders lessons, citing the material as age-inappropriate. Mrs Shah then spoke to the media, stating: "We are not a bunch of homophobic mothers...we just feel that some of these lessons are inappropriate.

Some of the themes being discussed are very adult and complex, and the children are getting confused... They need to be allowed to be children, rather than having to constantly think about equalities and rights."

Before long, up to 400 concerned parents from mainly conservative

SIDERS!

Muslim backgrounds had signed a petition calling for the lessons to be dropped from the curriculum. At the start of the month, parents claimed that more than 600 pupils between the ages of four and 11 were withdrawn from the school for a day in protest, although the school itself has not confirmed the numbers. Parents of course have the right to do this. What has followed are ad hoc protests outside Parkfield which have seen difficult and impassioned views being exchanged. Banners have been unfurled reading 'say no to promoting of homosexuality and LGBT ways of life to our children', 'stop exploiting children's innocence', and 'education not indoctrination'.

MP CALLS FOR TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE...

The Academy has responded by asking parents to end the protests. Local MPs have also got involved. Shabana Mahmood, the MP for Birmingham Ladywood, whose constituents include parents from the school, came out asking for tolerance and an acceptance that schools should think about the more orthodox faith communities within their cohorts as part of their work about inclusiveness.



Shabana Mahmood

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As a gay man, had I grown up having been taught from a very young age that same-sex families were to be celebrated, I would have grown in confidence that I was the equal of my straight cousins.”

Mahmood was careful to state that she and the parents of Parkfield are not averse to same-sex lessons, but only when age-appropriate. Presumably this means from secondary school age - 11 upwards.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mahmood said: “None of my constituents is seeking particular or differential opt-outs at secondary school level. It is all about the age-appropriateness of conversations with young children in the context of religious backgrounds.”

Mahmood herself is a supporter of LGBTQ rights, having voted in parliament for same-sex marriage.

Yet is this a sustainable position? Surely any age is an appropriate one at which to learn about family make-up, parenting, love and respect in any context? Scratch the surface and you can't help but think there is a deep-rooted intolerance to LGBTQ people driving this reaction.

MOVING WITH THE TIMES...

As same-sex marriage and adoption have become part of the mainstream way of life, schools need to move with the times to safeguard all children in their educational set-ups. As a gay man, had I grown up having been taught from a very young age that same-sex families were to be celebrated, I would have grown in confidence that I was the equal of my straight cousins. I've known I like boys from as far back as I can remember, my first strong memory being at the age of six. For young gay Muslim and Christian children in particular, these lessons must be a lifeline if they themselves are being brought up in some very conservative households and

without experiencing any recognisable positive LGBTQ scenarios in their daily lives.

The idea that teaching about same-sex families is inappropriate before the age of 11 is one with which I most sincerely beg to differ. The emotional destruction that many of us have endured growing up as children could have been significantly reduced or even avoided if a programme like No Outsiders had been taught in the 1980s and '90s.

Of course, not all parents at Parkfield agree with the protest. Many parents, Muslim, Christian and non-religious alike, have openly supported the school's decision to teach these lessons.

OFSTED SHOW SUPPORT

The chief inspector of Ofsted, Amanda Spielman (pictured), also supported Parkfield, saying it was imperative pupils knew about "families that have two mummies or two daddies".



To back this up, in the second week of March, Ofsted carried out an inspection of Parkfield, under the direction of Ofsted inspector Peter Humphries, over concerns about the effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school, including its governance. Following the inspection, Ofsted was overwhelmingly supportive of the school's leadership and teachers, a fact which meant Parkfield's 'outstanding' rating was in no way in jeopardy.

INCLUSIVITY IS KEY

More importantly, Humphries found that the children had a healthy and broad understanding of inclusivity on the basis of disability, race, age, gender and sexual orientation. The Ofsted inspectors



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acknowledged that there was a 'small but vocal minority' who openly objected, but this was due to the parents' lack of clarity about the school's vision and policies, which he recommended were addressed.

Mohammed Aslam, a concerned parent from the school, responded to the Ofsted report by claiming that the 'small minority' of parents did not reflect the actual reality on the ground, and that

their views had not been properly considered within the report.

FINDING A WAY FORWARD

The No Outsiders lessons, which had previously been suspended in the wake of the row, were scheduled to resume after the Easter holidays. On the day of Ofsted, school representatives, parents, education chiefs including the regional schools commissioner, and the Excelsior Multi Academy Trust, which runs Parkfield, held discussions to find a way forward. Currently, no longstanding resolution has been reached, and so No Outsiders has been suspended until a compromise can be found.

SO WHERE DOES THIS END?

Many within the LGBTQ community would say that Andrew Moffat's diligent and steadfast work to promote equality should be further applauded. While being truly inclusive means all parties taking the time to listen to all people of all races, genders, sexual orientations and faiths, this debate remains highly polarised. As discussions move forward, it will be interesting to see what the final resolution will be. Surely the fact that these pupils already demonstrate a healthy inclusive awareness is testament to the great success of this programme. Let's hope that this good work is not lost on our primary school children - not only the youngsters caught up in the present situation, but also those who follow in the future.



No Outsiders protest extends and intensifies...

LATEST NEWS!

At the time of going to print, the row about LGBT lessons in primary schools was becoming even more intense, with the predominantly Muslim Anderton Park School in Birmingham's Balsall Heath district also becoming the subject of demonstrations by parents.

Calling for the headteacher, Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson, to stand down and displaying posters reading 'my child my choice', the demonstrators were adding their voices to those of the protesters at Parkfield Community School. Speaking to Sky News, one of the Anderton Park demonstrators said, "Our children are innocent. We just don't want their minds to be corrupted."

Anderton Park headteacher Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson has called on Education Secretary Damian Hinds to intervene in the row. Commenting on the demonstrations, she said: "You almost need to sit in a school like ours and listen to what's being said, the unpleasantness that it causes and the homophobic nature of some of the things that are said, to understand how what is written in Whitehall affects people on the ground everywhere else."

"We've had so many emails from all over the country - headteachers in Croydon, Manchester - saying this is happening to me in my school and this should not be the case. So yes, I am calling on the secretary of state to come out very clearly on this."

MPs vote in favour of new LGBT+ legislation

A majority number of MPs have voted in support of LGBT lessons in primary schools.

A vote held in the House of Commons on 27 March saw 538 MPs vote in favour and 21 against the first update to the RSE (Relationships & Sexuality Education) guidance since 2000.

Legislation will come into force in September 2020, meaning that pupils at

primary school level will be taught about various family models, including same-sex families. At secondary school level, pupils will cover a curriculum addressing LGBT+ issues, including how damaging stereotypes at all levels can be - such as stereotyping on the basis of sexual orientation or gender.

As well as the current Birmingham schools controversy, there have also been complaints made about RSE classes in Greater Manchester, leading to Mayor Andy Burnham speaking out in support of LGBT-inclusive education. In a statement, Mr Burnham said: "It is right that children learn about all kinds of relationships and the equality of every relationship. This supports LGBT young people, teachers and parents, and helps to build strong, cohesive and united communities."

On receiving news of the impending inclusivity legislation, Green Party MP Caroline Lucas - who represents Brighton Pavilion constituency - commented: "Historic day for Sex and Relationships Education! Delighted that long, long awaited regulations to keep children informed & safe have been passed today. Well done to so many for years of hard work."

LGBTQI Muslim support posted the following tweet promoting acceptance and understanding...

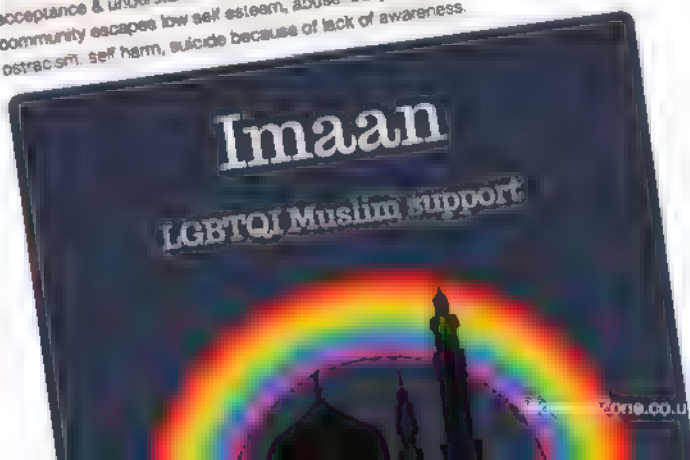
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Stress levels up amongst Parkfield School teachers...

Teaching staff at Parkfield Community School, where the No Outsiders programme originated, are reported to be suffering high levels of stress as a result of the ongoing parent demonstrations.

Experienced teachers are said to be struggling with the continuing presence of campaign trucks and picketing protesters. Speaking to BirminghamLive, Hazel Pulley, CEO of Excelsior Multi Academy Trust, which runs Parkfield, said: "It's really upsetting at the moment for our staff. Some of them are becoming ill. Some of them really don't want to come to school. Some of them have said they've been shaking, losing weight and not wanting to eat food at all."

Ms Pulley said that "trust had been shattered", adding, "The reason why is because they're concerned that sometimes they're met - especially the teachers of young children - with parents accusing them of things just not happening."



The best days of our lives... ...messed up by grown-ups

My school lessons were scientific. We learnt about how physics governs what we see around us; in biology lessons, we learnt about how our bodies function; and we tried to figure out how English grammar rules dictate how we string a sentence together

These were all lessons that were designed to help us make sense of the world around us. And then we gathered in a room and all that sense went out of the window. In that room, we learnt how there is an omnipotent being who bothers his arse turning water into wine and who looks after every single person on the planet and yet lets them all die - in horrible, painful ways for the main part. I have to say I found it confusing.

We didn't learn about Jesus's life (it was a CofE focused school) as part of our history lessons, because perhaps it isn't even viewed as a history by those who believe he existed. That was perplexing to the younger me. Instead it was taught as a stand-alone subject - somehow separate from everything that was factual but superseding the factual topics as something that was all-encompassing and supra-factual.

“ My religious education at school convinced me that the Bible was not a book for me ”

One afternoon, in the interests of equality, we learnt that there was someone called Mohammed and a book called the Torah and some people worshipped a man who had an elephant's trunk or perhaps he was an elephant who talked like a man. The details, it seemed to me, were hazy, the lesson only lasted an hour and we weren't given any homework on it. My religious education at school convinced me that the Bible was not the book for me.



I have no idea why religious views are taught in schools in as factual a way as mathematics or geography. And I have no idea why religious views have such an impact on what is taught in schools. For me, they seem in no way related. If you want to do the religious thing - I am very happy for those who do - there are churches, synagogues, mosques and the like which are ideally set up to enable you to do this. Schools are not ideally set up for it.

Schools, run by expert educators, are, however, ideally set up to educate children in all that they need to know to make sense of the world. And we should leave them to it.

The furore in the media about the religion based objections to the teaching of sex and relationship issues in a Birmingham primary school was quite rightly a furore. There can be no place for religion of parents or communities to impact on the education of children.

THIS IS NOT A GAY ISSUE

This is not a gay issue. It is not an equal rights issue. It is about education and the presentation of what children need to know in order to make their own decisions about sex, about relationships,

about their future careers, and yes, about their religion. Teachers can only be there to present facts, to present ideas to encourage deeper thought and consideration of what constitutes a moral way of life as human beings. There is no way we can expect teachers to censor what they teach to suit every particular interpretation of every single religion. It simply does not make sense.

A MYRIAD OF INFLUENCES...

It's like a child's sense of style. Like religious views, children will pick up their sense of style or fashion from myriad influences - family and community often being the main ones

School cannot tell them that one fashion is better or worse than another but can teach them how to use a sewing machine so that they can make their own clothes, or how to manage a household budget so that they can spend money on their own wardrobe. Schools can also enable a child to respect different styles and maybe give them the knowledge to understand how different styles evolved. We then have our whole adult lives to make our very own ridiculous decisions about what to wear

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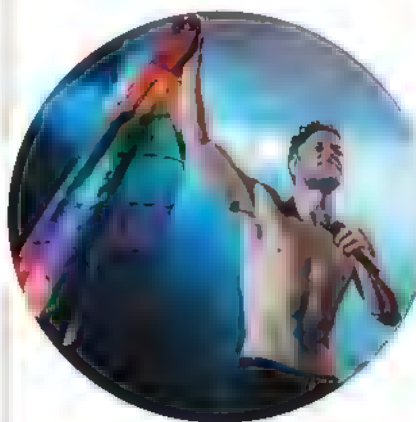


Imagine Dragons' frontman promotes love and acceptance amongst fellow Mormons

I was on holiday last month (What, again?! I hear my friends ask) when I came across two different but connected stories.

The first was *Believer*, a documentary film by Dan Reynolds, the lead singer of rock band Imagine Dragons. Reynolds is the seventh of nine kids raised in a devoutly Mormon household in Las Vegas who enthusiastically spent two years knocking on doors as a Latter-day Saints missionary. His Mormon views were challenged, however, when he met and fell in love with singer-songwriter Aja Volkman. They married in 2011 in his parents' backyard, but two of their closest friends, a lesbian couple, didn't feel comfortable attending the wedding and stayed away.

Concerned by the rising number of suicides amongst LGBT teenagers and the church's excommunication of LGBT members, Reynolds planned an outdoor concert - called LoveLoud - in Orem, Utah, which took place last August. In the end, the Mormon Church issued a statement about the concert that gently supported love and acceptance, resulting in the gig selling out all 20,000 tickets to a Mormon audience. But just as I was feeling the warm glow of acceptance from that uplifting film, I read about a story much closer to home, at Parkfield Community School in Birmingham, where Muslim mums & dads have staged angry protests outside the school gates. They were objecting to a teaching programme called No Outsiders, designed to encourage children to be 'happy and excited about living in a community full of difference and diversity'.



“LGBT people are everywhere; we exist in every culture, on every continent and in every religion”

The programme covers issues such as race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age and religion. Assistant headteacher Andrew Moffat - who was recently awarded an MBE for his work in equality education - was accused by the parents of 'promoting homosexuality'. Around 400 of the mums & dads signed a petition calling for No Outsiders to be completely scrapped from the curriculum.

Things got pretty nasty for Andrew Moffat too. He was secretly filmed when talking to parents outside school, and has been the subject of both a leaflet campaign and threatening phone calls.

Amid the furor, Ofsted inspected the school and found it to be 'outstanding', praising its record on promoting tolerance, acceptance and mutual respect.

But in a new twist, the No Outsiders lessons have been suspended indefinitely until a resolution is reached with the protesting parents... This is bonkers! We are allowing an unrepresentative minority of parents to dictate what is being taught in schools, denying those pupils access to the Equalities education the Government says they are entitled to. We can't pick and choose which minority group we will show tolerance and respect towards. LGBT people are everywhere; we exist in every culture, on every continent and in every religion. We are Christians, Mormons and Muslims. And if conservative Mormons in Utah can embrace love and acceptance, so can we.

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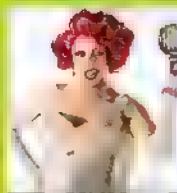
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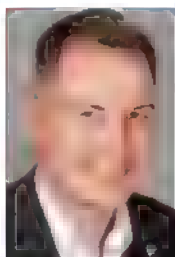
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The Save Birmingham Gay Village campaign has launched an online petition which has already attracted over 1,000 signatures!

The petition is urging Birmingham City Council to put in place an official planning policy to safeguard Birmingham's Gay Village. The policy would ensure that any future planning applications and developments were sympathetic to the LGBTQ community and would complement and enhance the nighttime gay economy located in



Councillor John Cotton



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A policy like this has already been actioned for other parts of the city. And Councillor Gareth Moore agrees that a policy should be put in place to protect

the nighttime economy, including Birmingham Gay Village.

So the Birmingham LGBTQ community first needs to take its campaign to Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion Community Safety & Equalities on Birmingham City Council. We need him to put forward the kind of policy statement we're suggesting and then to get the entire council to back it!

An official policy like this would not only help safeguard venues like Eden Bar and the Village Inn from future planning applications for land around their locations, it could also safeguard those venues from the possible threat of being demolished when their leases run out - with future planning applications being rejected outright by the planning authorities.



THIS GAY LIFE: The Stephen Spinks Column



THAT TRIBAL FEELING

I always knew I was gay. For as long as I can remember, which now feels like a long time, it's been there. I've always felt it, I've always known it, and more importantly, I've always loved it and felt special because of it.

That mark of difference has nearly always made me stronger, even if that realisation has sometimes come only with the benefit of hindsight. People over the years have asked if I would ever change 'it' if I could. The answer of course is always a straight no!

I WAS BORN THIS WAY...

That answer is the straightest thing about me. Being gay is the thing I'm most comfortable with, and, of course, I was born this way. It's not a matter of choice or a conscious reflection anyway. Being gay is my core self, my inner-most stable identity. It's my best self. It is who I am and who I will always be.

As I grew up, I knew I was attracted to guys. I fell in love with a boy when I was six. I had my first kiss, with a different boy, when I was eight. We first properly fooled around when I was 10 and he 11. From there, things just got, well, exciting. As a teenager, I wrestled for a bit with liking girls too, but that phase was very short lived and never ended in anything serious. At the age of 13, I knew my path, and it was definitely gay.

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So when I came out in 1999, at the age of 17, and made my way down to the gay village, I thought I would find my utopia there. A place where I would meet people like me, who had experiences like me, who had endured the bullying, the pain and the application of a thick skin just to be like me. I thought we would be one great big pink family and that I'd instantly fit in. It would be like coming home, like an orphan who had suddenly, finally, discovered his birth family. In many ways, this proved to be the case. The Tom Finland art work. The cacophony of Madonna and Kylie tunes pumping out of the clubs. The brightly coloured rainbows adorning the walls, proudly and



Image credit: Tom Finland

"In an age of numerous tribes, the chances are you may just fit But what if you still don't?"

unapologetically proclaiming gay pride, were a beacon to my homecoming. At first, I felt I belonged.

IT WAS LABELLED A TWINK

But I quickly discovered that paradise was not all it had seemed. As a super-slim little bit-camp 17 year-old, I was quickly labelled a 'twink'. Yet I was super-hairy too, at a time when hair was far from vogue, and so quickly became shunned by many other twinks. The only other 'tribes' were the 'bears', the 'jocks' and the 'leather daddies', with whom I also didn't fit. So I found myself somewhat between the lines, unanchored and in a state of confusion. It knocked my confidence, as I was suddenly unsure about who I was. Apparently, being gay was not enough; I had to fit into some kind of tribe - but the limitations of the groupings prevented my doing so. I simply didn't fit in. For years I drifted, feeling like an outsider when I should have felt at home.

GAY TRIBAL CASTE SYSTEM IS ALIVE AND THRIVING

Fast forward to 2019, and the gay tribal caste system is as alive as it's ever been. In fact, it's positively booming. Ten minutes on the Urban Dictionary proves that. In the last decade, the number of tribes has exploded - no doubt because, like me, many found themselves falling between the party lines.

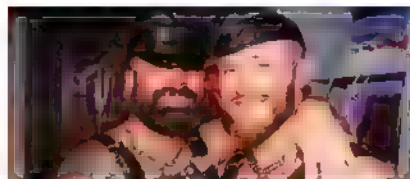
The 'twink' remains a fixture still identifiable as a young, boyish looking guy, smooth and (of course) skinny. But now we also have the 'twunk'; a twink, but with a shedload more muscle.

Daddies remain too (thank God!), still marked out as older guys who typically - but not exclusively - are found dating younger daddy chasers. Often they have grey hair and a bit of money to boot.

NEW GAY CATEGORIES

But like the twink, the daddy category has refined and expanded. We now have the 'muscle daddy' - a category of daddy

that was always there but which is now separate and more clearly defined. A muscle daddy is exactly what it says on the tin. Muscular, older and mostly hairy, they are often found wearing leather on a night out as well as in the bedroom.



Then we have the aforementioned daddy-chaser - a young guy looking to hook up with, or be cared for by, a daddy. Ah, love is love. Cue twittering birds.

Like in days of old, there's the 'bear', which the Urban Dictionary defines as a husky, large man with shitloads of hair both front and back. The 'cub' remains the bear's younger aspiring self. But now we also have the 'otter'; slim, toned, not overly built but infinitely hairy. At last I have found my tribe!

Let's not forget others, too. The 'pup' - cute, younger, mostly but not exclusively submissive and looking for a handler. The 'wolf' - semi-hairy and something of a sexual adventurer or predator.

We also have the 'geek' - intellectual, deeply knowledgeable and with a great enthusiasm for their hobbies and interests, which they continually cultivate. The 'jock' remains muscled, into sports and often appears cocky or arrogant.

GIPSTER - THE HIPSTER GAY

The newest one on me is the 'gipster' - a hipster gay who typically favours an indie lifestyle, is generally skinny and adheres to their own style. A gipster hallmark is their 'elegant' taste in films and music.

And there's a load more, too; on and on it goes. We have, it appears, become ever more defined by tribes.

Having once failed to conform, I now feel secure with my bona fide otter

credentials. I feel like I fit, and more importantly, people can place me. Tribes provide a language which so many of us can navigate. But what does this really mean for us? The rules of the tribes are often just as restrictive as their very definitions. A jock is not expected to date or hook up with a cub. A bear will not hibernate with a twink. A daddy-chaser will not look sideways for a geek, and a geek is unlikely to go for a twink.

But is it really that clear? As an otter, can I not also be a geek, and can a bear not fall in love with a twink? Are we in danger of pre-empting our inner feelings by the very nature of how we have chosen to be, or have been, defined? To be categorised so quickly and so rigidly means that we and others may not always find or discover the real us. Are we in danger of becoming a stereotype and losing the everything that makes us different?

OUR SEXUALITY OUR DIFFERENCE

Equally, where does this leave us in terms of inclusivity? If a bear has a night out in a twink bar, is he well received or will he be ridiculed? If a twink clubs at a muscle daddy venue, will he be made to feel like shit because he's so skinny?

Tribes can have an amazingly positive impact. They can make you feel like you belong, like you've finally found your home. In an age of numerous tribes, the chances are you may just fit. But what if you still don't?...

And shouldn't we also remember that, no matter which tribe we fit into, if any at all, we all have one thing in common: our sexuality. Our difference. And in a world where difference is shunned, we need ultimately to stand together. For in unity, respect and love, we are at our strongest.

So whatever tribe you feel is your fit, remember to love and respect those tribes into which you don't fit. For only with mutual respect can we all genuinely find our home.



LET'S TALK: The Lacey Lou Column



Self-help section with your Fairy godmother Lacey Lou...

7 things you NEED to know!

Life. It's a strange old thing that just keeps on happening whilst we potter about doing our various bits and pieces.

I don't know about you, but the ups and downs of life can get a little exhausting at times, and the insignificant aspects of it are what I focus my energy on way too much, sometimes until those aspects become all-consuming.

But what's the thing that matters the most? It's something that money usually can't buy: our mental wellbeing. So join me this month on a self-love journey to a healthier mental state. I hope this helps anyone and everyone who's needing it at the moment. Let's realign those chakras, bab.

1 **Is your job a root of your unhappiness? Leave it.**

Start taking steps to move onto something better that brings you up, not down. Network and make connections with people who can help you onto your next job. Take a step down in responsibility or pay if possible, and then use that time of less stress to work on your next move and propel yourself forward. Seize those dreams about what you want to achieve; make them a reality.

2 **Are the people in your social circle good for you?**

Friends are your chosen family when it comes to support, love, the sharing of memories or bottles of wine (insert hangover). Does one person suck the air from the room all the time? Do they make you anxious? Do you feel you can't trust them? If so, then bye, bitch! Life's too short. Pay attention to the people who're making an effort to be in your life - there are potential friendships blossoming there!

3 **Do you love yourself?**

Loving yourself is knowing your strengths and weaknesses and doing the work to become the best version of you. It's all about believing in yourself and being your biggest supporter. If you *do* love yourself, then well effing done and keep at it. If you don't, think about why you don't. Leave any guilt in the past; you can't change things but you can learn from them. Don't be ashamed of yourself in any way; you're the way you are for a reason - and in the words of the queen, Lady Gaga, herself: 'I'm beautiful in my way, 'cause God makes no mistakes'. Poetry!

4 **What do you see when you look in the mirror?**

Your mind is going to focus on the 'flaws' first - but what is a flaw? Nothing you see on your body is something to be ashamed of. Advertisers dictate to us what 'flaws' are so that we'll buy their shit products. Maybe you're lumpy, have stretch marks, are big, are skinny,

have acne or eczema etc - everyone has something, and it's entirely normal! Don't spend time focusing on these 'flaws'; they're not flaws, they're your body and it's smashing, babes.

5 Are you creatively fulfilled?

It's so hard to try and make time to go to events. We finish work and it's so much more appealing to stay in on the sofa and eat our weight in takeaway. For some, worries about money is also a factor. I hear you, sister. Get on the socials and look at what's happening in the city. Follow the pages and get updates - there are always great things going on, and many don't cost a penny. Pick up the leaflets and booklets when you're in town - they're a great way to find out what's going on too.

6 Do money worries dominate your thoughts?

This is probably one of the worst anxieties. Some situations can't be helped by being thrifty alone, but some of the following recommendations, which certainly helped me, may be useful! For starters, cut down on the eating out (easy, tiger). A big food shop for the week, with planned meals and things you've always fancied cooking, will help save so much money - and cooking can be very relaxing. This way, you can also make lunch for work and coffee 'to go' in the morning. The savings add up! Transport is always a killer for me - I'll think of any excuse to get a taxi and not the bus. Apps like city mapper really help take away public transport anxiety, providing detailed routes home from your exact location.

7 Do you struggle with self-confidence issues?

Lack of self-confidence can be a real problem at work, events and social gatherings. It's the voice in your head telling you that you aren't good enough. But it's not a real voice and you can choose whether or not to give it any airtime. You're there in that work role for a reason, so believe in yourself like your colleagues do. You've attended the event or social gathering to have fun - no one is thinking you shouldn't be there or that they aren't interested in you. The more you ignore this voice, the quieter it gets as you build up that self confidence.

**2019 is the year of
self love; you've got this!
Bibbidi-bobbidi-boo,**

Lacey X



TWITTER: Carry on the chat @lacyindyeo

Syphilis is on the rise



KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

Symptoms can be difficult to recognise, if they are present at all. A few weeks after infection people may notice a **painless sore or ulcer around the genital or anal area**, and can also be seen in the mouth.

Some weeks or months later, people may then get a **rash** on their body, often involving the palms of the hands or soles of the feet. Having a **fever, headache** or **swollen glands** a few weeks or months after sex can also be signs of an infection.

GET TESTED

Symptoms of syphilis can disappear without treatment, but the infection won't go away and if it's left untreated it could eventually cause serious damage to your body, including affecting the heart, brain and eyes. This is why it's very important to **get tested and treated**.

PROTECT YOURSELF

The best way to protect yourself against syphilis is to **use condoms** and to avoid sex with someone who has sores or a rash around their genitals.

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Readers' Awards 2019

Winners announced!

Big Winners...

The Yard bags 9 awards!



The Yard in Coventry was one of the big winners this year bagging 4 Gold awards and 4 Silver, plus one Bronze too.

GOLD AWARDS:

- Best Midlands Overall Gay Venue (outside Birmingham)
- Best Midlands Gay Bar (outside Birmingham)
- Best Gay Venue Security Team
- Best Security Person: Janine Webb

SILVER AWARDS:

- Best Midlands Gay Club (outside Birmingham)
- Best Midlands Cafe Bar/Restaurant
- Best Midlands Bar/Club for Men
- Best Midlands Community Venue

BRONZE AWARDS:

- Best Live Entertainment Venue

Mikey wins Best Front of House award for first time!



Congratulations to Village Inn Manager Mikey Elston on winning his first ever award for Best Front of House Person! Mikey - now might be a great time to ask Lawrence for a payrise, hun!



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Triple threat! Miss Penny scoops 3 TOP awards!

Best Midlands Cabaret Act, Best National Cabaret Act and Midlands Scene Personality Of The Year... You might be wondering whether these three awards were sponsored by Greggs, given Miss Penny's addiction! Well, absolutely not! In fact, Miss Penny has made Midlands Zone Readers' Awards history by being the first person to win ALL 3 of these individual GOLD awards in the same year! Well done, Matt!

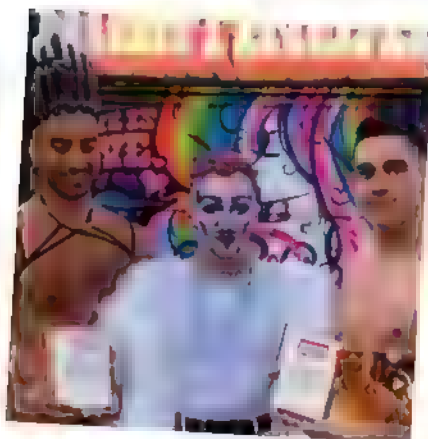


Best Overall Brum Gay Venue award goes to... the Nightingale!

Congratulations to 'team Nightingale' on winning GOLD in the coveted Best Overall Birmingham Gay Venue category. They were also named Best Birmingham

Gay Nightclub. Both awards are extremely fitting in 2019, with the venue celebrating its 50th birthday. Well done, guys!

And many thanks to Gabe Capes for dressing up for our accompanying pic - and to Robbie Lewis and Ashraf Ejibair for undressing!



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ZONE Readers' Awards 2019



In loving memory of three fab-u-lous people: Spencer Cornell, Dez Barrett and Perdes Simplay - all taken from us far too soon. We're proud to award each of them our Midlands Zone Lifetime Achievement Award.

BGSO win GOLD for Best Social Group!

It's been a while, but Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra have won back the GOLD award for Best LGBTQ Social Group - and in their 10th anniversary season too. A big well done!

Shop till you drop at this award winner!

There's a reason why they win the Best Gay-Friendly Shop award each and every year - it's because Clonezone are simply the best!



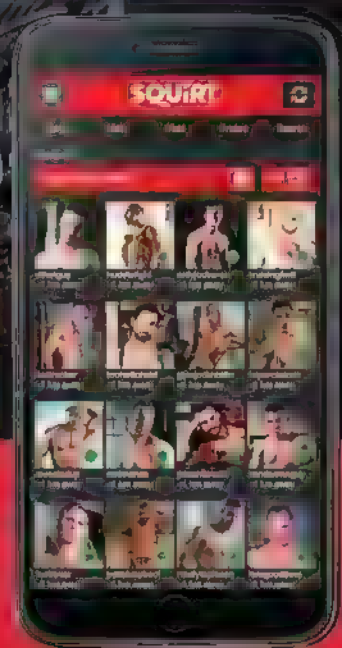
Birmingham Pride wins again!

It's no surprise that Birmingham Pride has bagged the Best Midlands Pride Event award for the umpteenth time!

A big thumbs-up to Coventry Pride and Leicester Pride too - Silver and Bronze award winners respectively!



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ZONE Readers' Awards 2019

more **WINNERS**
announced!

Eden scoop 12 awards!

Garry and Cal at Eden Bar were big winners once again - scooping 4 Gold awards, 6 Silver and 2 Bronze. Well done, guys!

GOLD AWARDS:

Best Live Entertainment Venue
Best Midlands Community Venue
Best Front of House Team
Best Midlands Bar/Club for Men

SILVER AWARDS:

Best One-Nighter - Quizzical
Best Birmingham Overall Gay Venue
Best Birmingham Gay Bar
Best Outdoor Area
Best FoH Person - Garry Prentice
Best Bar DJ - Tom Lee

BRONZE AWARDS:

Best Personality - Garry Prentice
Best Midlands Security Team

Glittersh*t

get **GOLD** for Best One-Nighter!

Yes! The Glittersh*t team have won the Best One-Nighter award for the second year running! The event takes place at the Nightingale, and the guys go to great lengths with theming and decor - so it's a much-deserved success.

Scott Hilton wins Gold for Best Bar DJ...

Congratulations to Scott Hilton, who's won the Gold award for Best Midlands Bar DJ for the very first time.

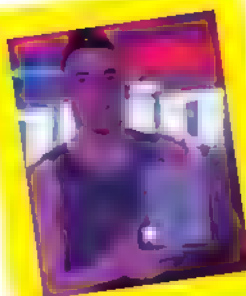
Gorgeous reclaims the Best Midlands Club award!

Sean Keasey, Ricki Wellman and the team at Gorgeous in Wolverhampton have won back the Best Midlands Gay Nightclub (Outside Birmingham) award! Well done, Team Gorgeous!



Hunky Robbie wins Best Club DJ award...

A big well done to the hunky Robbie Lewis on winning Best Midlands Club DJ for the very first time. Robbie is your regular Saturday night DJ at the Nightingale, and also DJs at Helsinki in Leicester



Birmingham LGBT have a lot to SHOUT about!

Birmingham LGBT not only won GOLD for Best Charity/Group of Achievement once again - but this year they managed to dominate the Best LGBT Event award too, winning GOLD for SHOUT Festival, SILVER for LGBT+ Inclusion In Sport, and BRONZE for Picnic In The Park. That's just plain greedy! Seriously, though, guys - a big well done, your success is very much deserved!

Best Gay Bar award goes to... the Village Inn!



Congratulations to the Village Inn on winning GOLD in the coveted Best Birmingham Gay Bar category! The venue enjoyed further success with Scott Hilton winning Best DJ and regular drag host Miss Penny bagging three GOLDS. There were a number of silver and bronze awards too!

The Loft once again voted Best Café Bar & Restaurant!

Well done to the team at The Loft for winning the Best Midlands Café Bar & Restaurant award - which they seem to have won more times than the Midlands Zone team have had hot dinners! They won GOLD for Best Outdoor Area, too!

Best Host goes to LaQueefa...



Despite stiff competition, the Best Midlands Compere & Host award went to Missing Bar's very own Amy LaQueefa. Big congrats also go to Twigg, who received Silver, and the Village Inn's Queeny, who bagged Bronze

**Here's the full list of
WINNERS of this
year's awards...**

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**Readers'
Awards 2019**

Best Midlands Bar DJ

Gold Scott Hilton - Village Inn
Silver Toni Lee- Eden
Bronze Mike Emery - Missing

Other finalists

Blanche The Village Inn
Destiny Dyson Gossip

Best Midlands Club DJ

Gold Robbie Lewis - The Nightingale
Silver Paul Morrell - XXL (The Core)
Bronze James Silver - Club Chic

Other finalists

Corey Hadley Nightingale
Richard Alexander The Yard, Coventry

Best Midlands

Front of House Person

Gold Mikey Elston - Village Inn
Silver Garry Prentice - Eden
Bronze Patsy Lewis - Missing Bar
Other finalists
Shan Carney The Yard
Stephen Lambert Missing

Midlands Gay Venue with the Best FOH Team

Gold Eden
Silver Village Inn
Bronze Missing, B'ham
Other finalists
The Yard, Coventry
The Nightingale

Best Midlands Security Person

Gold Janine Webb - The Yard, Coventry
Silver Kimberley Jones - The Village Inn
Bronze James Dixon - Club Chic

Other finalists

Kevin Mulligan
The Nightingale
Carl Cino Gossip

Midlands Gay Venue with the Best Security Team

Gold The Yard, Coventry
Silver The Nightingale
Bronze Eden
Other finalists
Missing, Bar
The Village, Birmingham

Best Midlands

Compere / Host

Gold Amy LaQueefa
Silver Twiggy
Bronze Queeny
Other finalists
Yogi, Eden Bar
Yshee Black

Best Midlands Cabaret Act

Gold Miss Penny
Silver LaQueefa
Bronze Divine Miss M
Other finalists
Vicky Jackson
Pam Catz

Best Midlands Cabaret Act

Gold Miss Penny
Silver Mary Mac
Bronze Sandra
Other finalists
Danny Beard
Fanny Burns

Midlands Scene Personality of the Year

Gold Miss Penny
Silver Lawrence Barton
Bronze Garry Prentice
Other finalists
Marty Smith
Twiggy

Best Birmingham Gay Bar

Gold Village Inn
Silver Eden
Bronze Missing
Other finalists
The Loft
The Fox

Best Birmingham Gay Nightclub

Gold The Nightingale
Silver Club Chic
Bronze Glamorous
Other finalists
Bo.tz
Core Club

Best Birmingham Overall Gay Venue

Gold The Nightingale
Silver Eden
Bronze Village Inn
Other finalists
The Loft
Missing

Best Midlands Gay Bar (outside Birmingham)

Gold The Yard, Coventry
Silver Bar Diva, Dudley
Bronze Glamorous, Coventry

Other finalists

Dover Castle, Leicester
Rainbow & Dove, Leicester

Best Midlands Gay Nightclub (outside Birmingham)

Gold Gorgeous, Wolverhampton
Silver The Yard, Coventry
Bronze Gossip, Stoke-on-Trent
Other finalists
The Lion, Walsall
Helsinki, Leicester

Best Midlands Overall Gay Venue (outside Birmingham)

Gold The Yard, Coventry
Silver Gorgeous, Wolverhampton
Bronze The Lion, Walsall
Other finalists
Gossip, Stoke-on-Trent
Dover Castle, Leicester

Best Midlands Community Venue

Gold Eden
Silver The Yard
Bronze The Fox
Other finalists
Dover Castle, Leicester
Equator, Birmingham

Best Midlands Café Bar/Restaurant

Gold The Loft, B'ham
Silver The Yard, Coventry
Bronze The Peach Tree, Shrewsbury
Other finalists
The Wellington, B'ham
Rainbow & Dove, Leicester

Best Midlands Bar/Club for Men

Gold Eden
Silver The Yard, Coventry
Bronze Boltz
Other finalists
The Fountain, Birmingham
The Core, Birmingham

Best Midlands Bar/Club for Women

Gold The Fox
Silver Sidewalk, Birmingham
Bronze Gorgeous, Wolverhampton
Other finalists
Gossip, Stoke-on-Trent
The Yard, Coventry

Best Midlands Gay Venue Outdoor Area

Gold The Loft
Silver Eden
Bronze The Yard, Coventry
Other finalists
The Fox, Birmingham
The Lion, Walsall

Best Midlands New Gay Venue/Refranchisement

Gold Glamorous, Coventry
Silver Sequin Showstoppers
Bronze The Bullring Tavern, Birmingham

Other finalists

The Yard, Coventry
Bar Diva, Dudley

Best Midlands Live Entertainment Venue

Gold Eden, B'ham
Silver The Village Inn
Bronze The Yard, Coventry
Other finalists
Nightingale Club
Missing Bar, Birmingham

Best Midlands One-Nighter

Gold Glittershit at The Nightingale
Silver Quizzical at Eden
Bronze XXL at The Core Club
Other finalists
Mid Bears at Eden
Seathi at The Nightingale

Best Midlands Pride Event

Gold Birmingham Pride
Silver Coventry Pride
Bronze Leicester Pride
Other finalists
Stoke-on-Trent Pride
Worcester Pride

Best Midlands LGBT Event

Gold SHOUT Festival
Silver LGBT+ Inclusion In Sport, Birmingham
Bronze Picnic In The Park, Birmingham
Other finalists
Shropshire Rainbow Film Festival
Pink Picnic, Shrewsbury

Best Midlands LGBT Charity/Group of Achievement

Gold Birmingham LGBT
Silver Prism Coventry
Bronze Terrence Higgins Trust
Other finalists
Positive West Midlands
Trade Sexual Health

Best Midlands Sport or Social Group

Gold Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra
Silver Birmingham Bulls RFC
Bronze Acting Out
Other finalists
Birmingham Blaze FC
Birmingham Swifts

Best Midlands Sauna/Health Club

Gold Unit 2 Birmingham
Silver The Greenhouse, Darlaston
Bronze Spartan, Birmingham
Other finalists
Splash, Leicester
CS2 Nottingham

Best Midlands LGBT-friendly Retail Store

Gold Clonezone
Silver Prowler Online
Bronze Selfridges, Birmingham
Other finalists
John Lewis
Harvey Nichols, B'ham

HUGE congratulations to all of our winners and finalists for a great year! Keep up the hard work!

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A happy 50th birthday to the Nightingale



Above: The Witton Lane location

When the Nightingale Club opened its Camp Hill doors for the very first time way back in 1969, the world was a very different place.

It was the year of the infamous Stonewall Riots in New York City, so the arrival of the Nightingale marked a small but significant step forward for Birmingham's gay community, who, until that time, had never had a place that they could call their own.

The Nightingale Club has been sited at various locations during its first 50 years...

Camp Hill (1969 - 1975)

Back in the late '60s, Birmingham gay men had nowhere to call their own, often having to meet in straight clubs which they would hire for the night (one such venue was the Queen Victoria pub, which was sited opposite the Council House at the time).

All that changed in 1969, when the Nightingale Club was born. The driving force behind the new venue was Secretary & Manager Laurie Williams and its first chairman, Derek Pemberton, who provided the £600 with which the Gale was set up.

The original Gale was located in Camp Hill, on the site of a dilapidated Indian restaurant and nightclub called the Nightingale Club. It was a terraced property which basically consisted of two rooms plus a backyard that was built upon. The restaurant kitchen was on the back, the manager's office and the toilets were upstairs. The upstairs toilets included both a Gents and a Ladies, the Ladies was often used for 'alternative purposes' (yep, we mean sex!)

Witton Lane (1975 - 81)

The former Aston Social Club became the Gale's next home, the club moving there properly in 1975.

Downstairs the layout consisted of two alcoves in horseshoe shapes and a small kitchenette with four or five tables on one side. Upstairs there was a bar, a dancefloor, a small stage and a DJ box. Decoration in the club was woodchip paper, painted chocolate brown, with black woodwork. It was a very dark club, as was the fashion in the 1970s.

During the Witton Lane years, the club introduced Mad Mondays In May, a gimmicky evening which saw the Gale charge for admission and drinks in pounds, shillings and pence, even though Britain had gone decimal years earlier!

There was also a cinema night, with the first film shown being Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid, and occasional cabaret evenings, usually held at Easter and Christmas. The upstairs area would seat 50 and could hold a further 70 standing on a busy night.



Thorp St (1981 - 94)

With the Nightingale struggling by comparison with another gay venue, The Venus, the decision was taken to move the club to Birmingham city centre. The 1981 switch from the two-roomed Witton Lane club in Aston to a substantially larger and themed building on Thorp Street was ambitious in the extreme.

The style of the club was a 'mock village'. The Pemberton Arms was on the left as you walked into the main room, named after Derek Pemberton. Then there was the Arthur Tuckerie, named after Arthur Tuck, the former chairman.

You then went up four steps to another bar on your left, which was by a sunken dancefloor. There was an empty area to the right and another door that led to the second former warehouse area.

Thorp Street was officially opened by Quentin Crisp. According to members who were present on the night, he sat on stage on a big oval-backed wicker chair, holding court and talking about his favourite subject - himself!

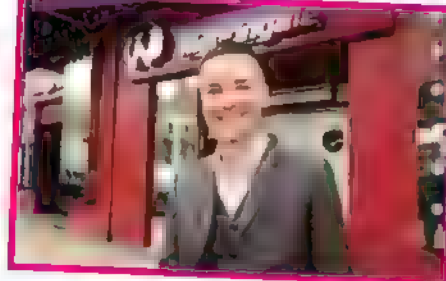
The Gale began to have themed parties during its time at Thorp Street. The first one was a beach party, which saw the dancefloor

covered in tiny polystyrene beads, a sailing dinghy on the side of the beach, and three hundred weight of sand on the stage area in the concert room. The heating was then turned up to 25 degrees and everyone wore swimming costumes.

Kent St (1994 onwards)

The Nightingale's home for the last 25 years has been Kent Street. In this time, there have been numerous changes to the original 1994 layout. The main room on the ground floor has undergone three major transformations, the last one being in the summer of 2007. The middle floor and top floors have also undergone major changes and refurbishments over the years.

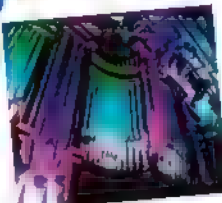
In 2011 the club went bust, and so the committee-style leadership came to an abrupt end. Lawrence Barton and his brother, Darren, stepped in to take on the club, in order to safeguard its future. With the benefit of significant investment, the Gale has since gone from strength to strength.

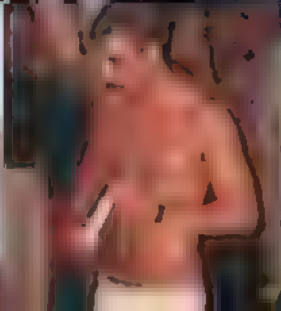
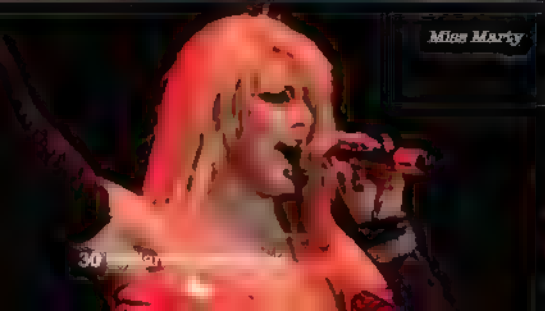
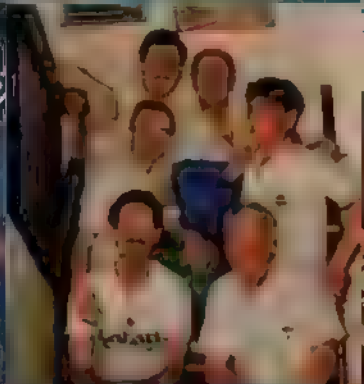
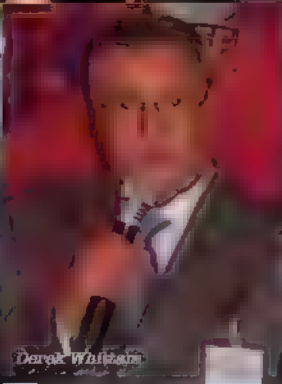
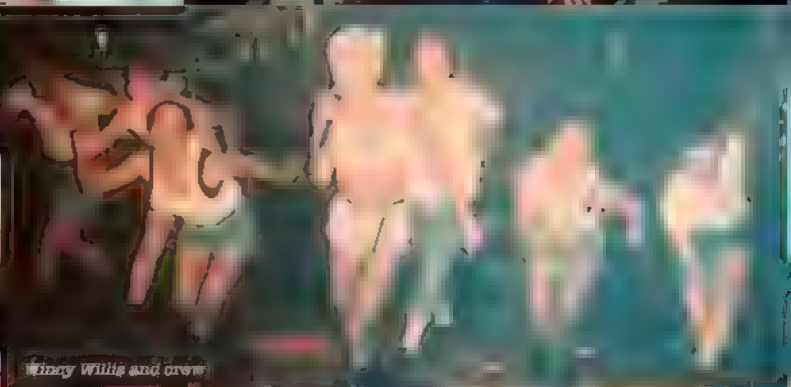
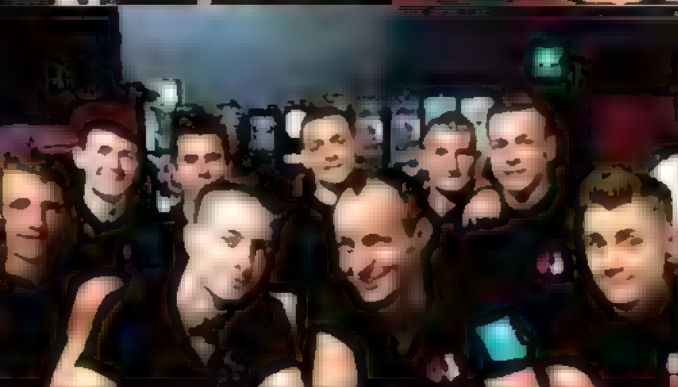
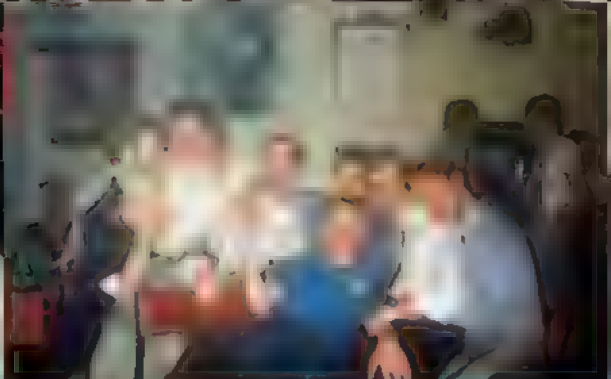
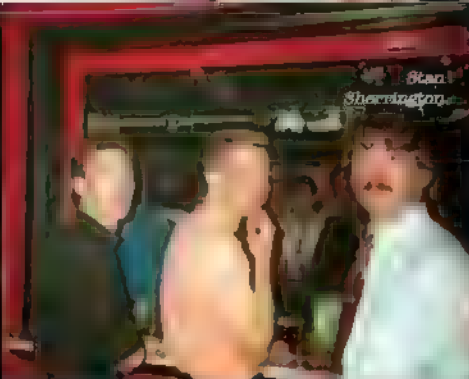
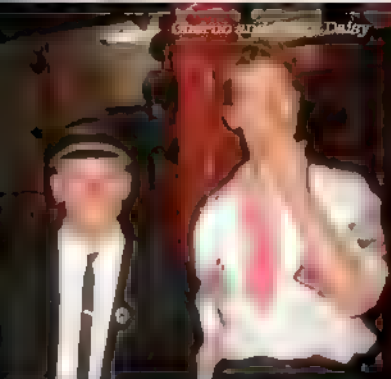


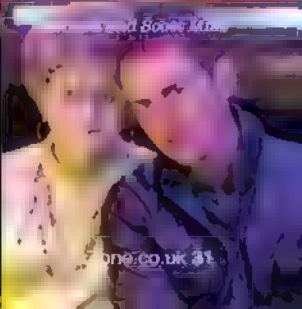
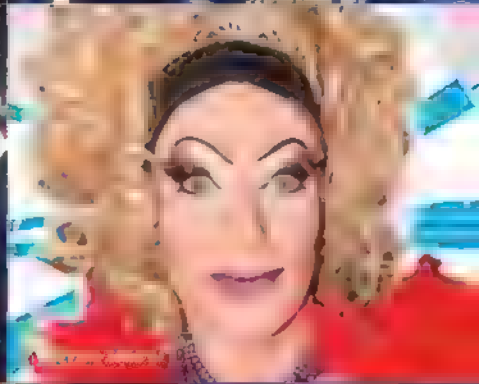
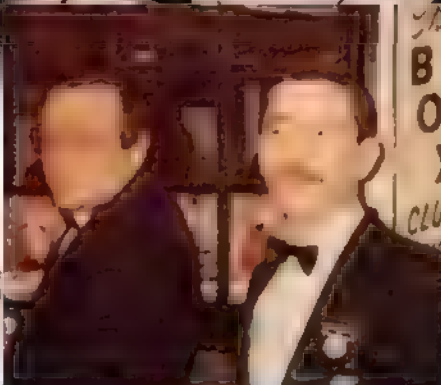
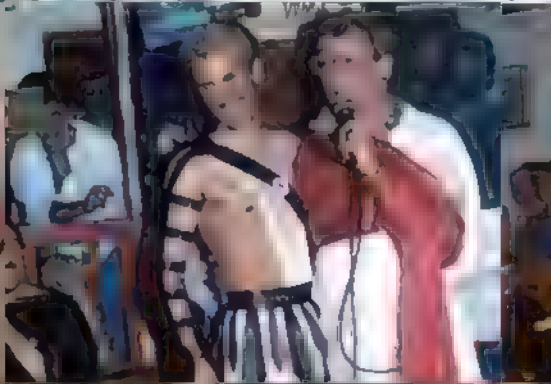
The Institute: The venue that got away...

For a while when the Nightingale was looking to move from Thorp Street, it was thought that the club's most likely new home would be The Institute in Digbeth.

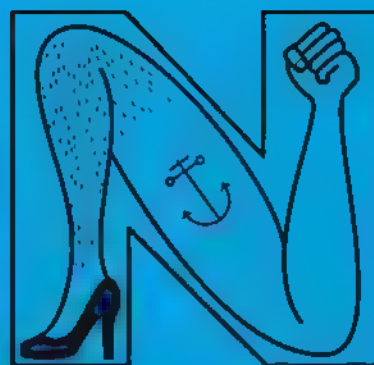
The Gale became involved in negotiations to buy the property when The Institute's price was dropped to £400,000 from an original reserve price of £1million. The plan was to turn the property into Europe's largest gay venue. However, the building had a preservation order on it, as it had previously been Digbeth Town Hall, which would have made any future changes to the property impossible without first gaining planning permission. And so the Gale turned its attention to Kent Street...







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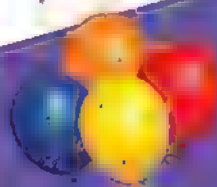
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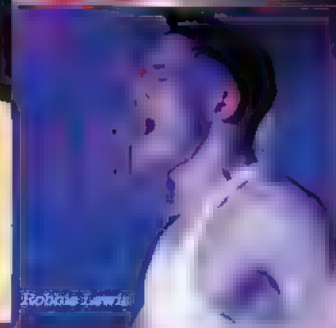
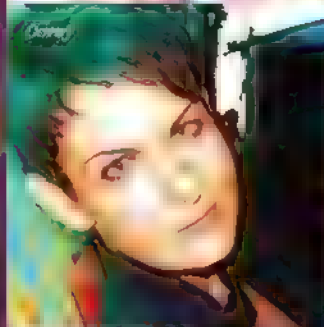
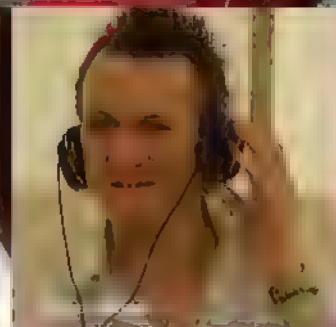
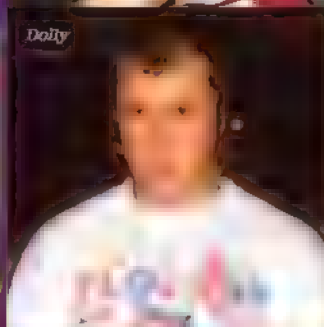


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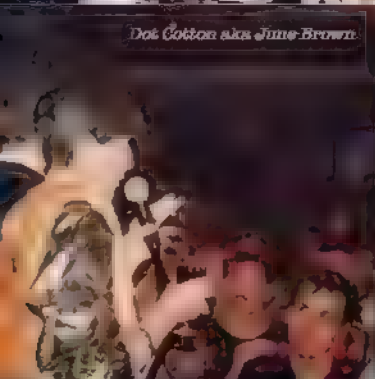
50 YEARS OF NIGHTINGALE

Some of the Nightingale's infamous DJs

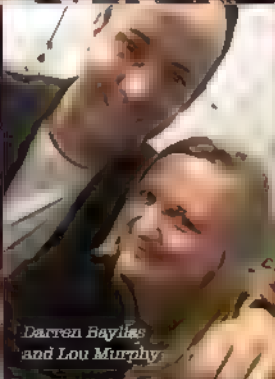


Some of the live performers at the Gale

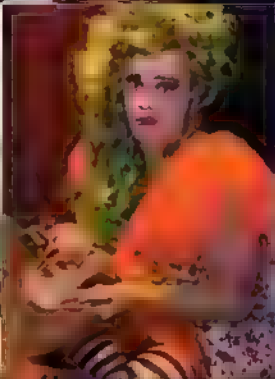




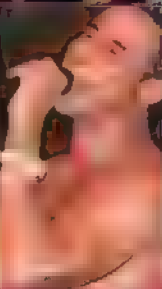
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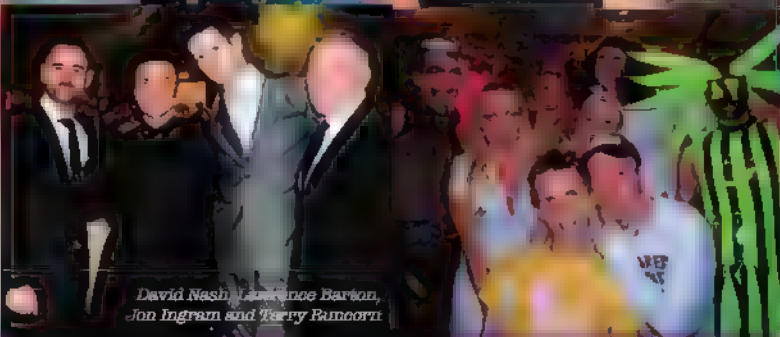
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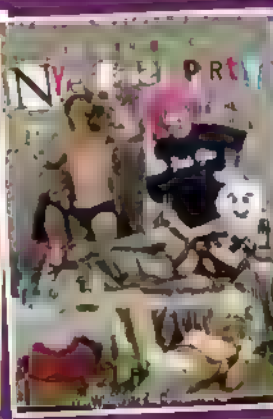
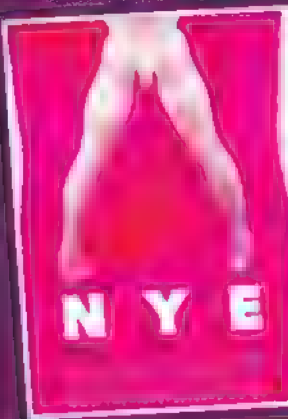
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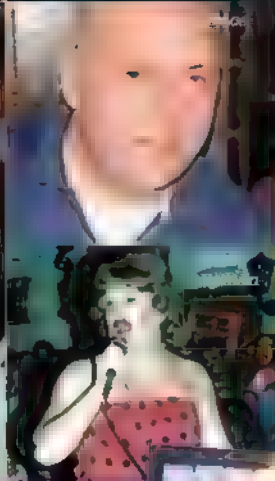
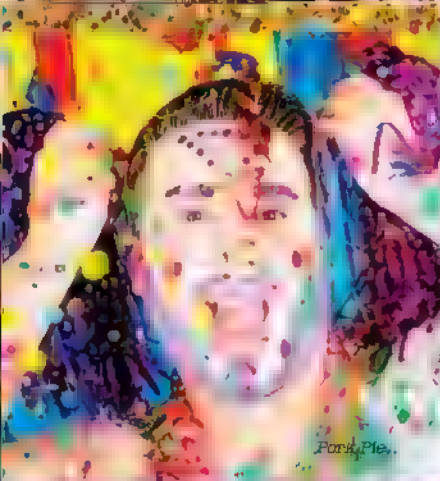
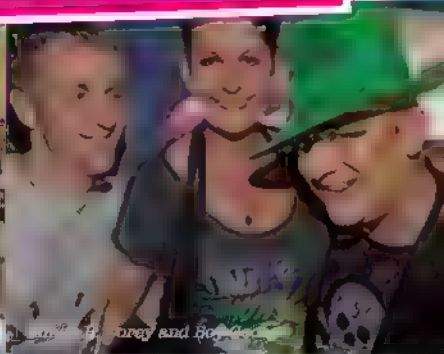
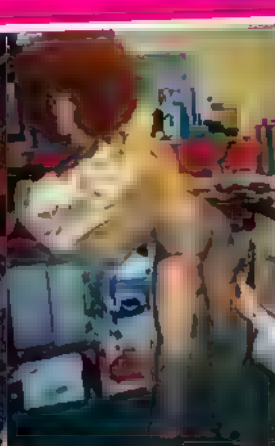
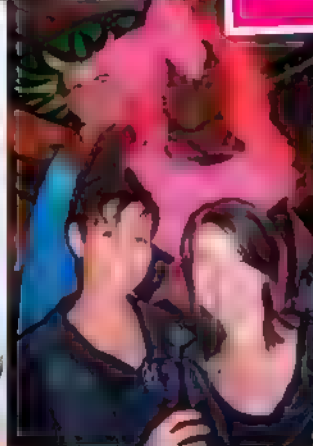
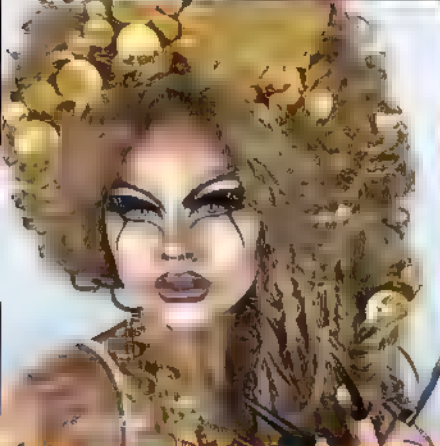
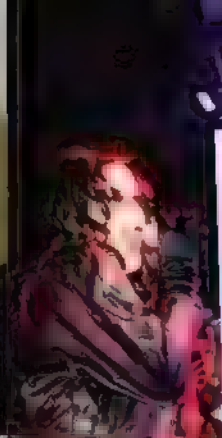


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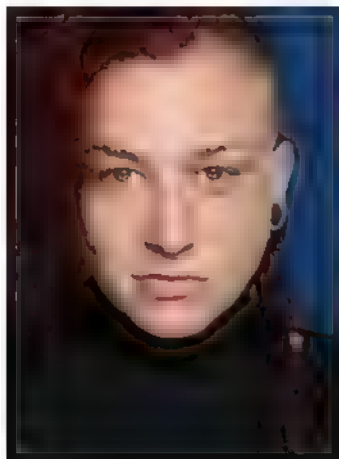
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LET'S GO TO ROTTERDAM

GROUNDBREAKING **TRANSGENDER** COMEDY IN THE MIDLANDS

DRAG KING Lucy Jane Parkinson talks about gender-identity journeys and her starring role in comedy-drama **Rotterdam**

Jon Brittain's Olivier Award-winning comedy drama addresses issues of gender, sexuality and being a long way from home. Having performed to sell-out audiences both in London and New York, the play this month makes its way to the Midlands as part of its first UK tour. Here Lucy Jane Parkinson - pictured below - gives an insight into what audiences can expect.



Why is the story of Rotterdam so important in 2019?

In 2019 there are a lot of conversations happening around gender identity and the sort of journeys people are going on. There are a lot of different kinds of story out there, but this one is really interesting because even though I play Adrian, and it's about Adrian transitioning, it also allows you to have a look at how the partner is dealing with this character transitioning. That's not something that's really seen. You usually just see the story of someone who is trans going on this journey. But here, we've got how it affects the partner and family, the dynamics between them and the strain it puts on them.

How would you describe Rotterdam to someone who knows nothing about the play?

It's a comedy drama following the lives of Adrian, their journey into the person they've always seen themselves as, and how that affects everyone else around them.

Tell us about your character of Fiona/Adrian...

Adrian was assigned female at birth and given the name Fiona. Quiet, hot-headed, sarcastic, they've been in a relationship for seven years with Alice, who was their brother's ex girlfriend. Such a joyful character!

What are you personally hoping to bring to the role?

As a non binary person myself, I feel connected to the journey. First coming out thinking they're gay, then coming to

terms with not only sexuality but also gender identity. I think I'm bringing a lot of experience points to the role.

What have you personally learned from your involvement so far?

We've only been in rehearsals for a week so far, so we're still learning. There's a lot of stuff being thrown into the ring. We started without scripts in our hands, so this has been a new way to learn. We work by making the characters gel together. It's about them bonding on stage first, which is brand new for me but is really effective.

When you got the role of Adrian, was there anything you wanted to bring to the part from your own personal experience?

Jon Brittain, the writer, has a great vision. He's created a really beautiful story. The script is as it is because it's a great script. I also think the fact they've asked someone who isn't cisgender to play the role is such a bold move. And for someone who's in a cisgender role who's actually trans, we've got a really good mix. This is the right way to move forward, and I'm delighted to be in that room and grateful to be cast in the first place. It's something that's quite new in the arts. They're actively looking for people who are trans and non binary to go and audition.

Rotterdam has received great critical praise. Why do you think that is?

I think with a lot of stuff that's around at the moment to do with identity, it's so subjective because everybody's journey is different, especially if one is



transgender. Every journey is unique and completely different. I think once you try and put a voice and a story to that, sometimes people say, "That's not my voice and that's not my journey". That's not what we're trying to do with Rotterdam. We're not trying to say this is what every journey is like; we're trying to say these stories are happening and this is how they're going down. We just want to put a spotlight on this kind of narrative in theatre. It's not about speaking for other people, it's about standing with them and saying these stories should be told.

The Curve theatre recently described you as 'history's greatest gender warrior'...

I've just heard about that now! Haha! Well, that's pretty phenomenal. I might have to drop a text message and see who I owe a tenner to! That's absolutely fantastic. I'm only 30, though, so there's a lot of room for me to mess up still!

Is there anything you'd like to educate our readers about with regard to your experience as trans non-binary?

There's nothing I'd particularly like to educate people about or say they needed to learn, but I would encourage people who have any questions to ask them rather than lean away from them. It's important to have a conversation. If you're not sure about something, don't step back from it, jump in and ask. Don't be afraid to get pronouns wrong, it's the way it is. Trans and non-binary people have always been around, but now we're just making room for ourselves again. Have dialogue.

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You also do work as a drag king. Drag kings are an under-represented element of the drag community. Have you struggled with this?

I personally haven't really struggled, but it does affect you because venues are so

used to just putting on drag queens. There's a lot of work that's still very new, and there are a lot of drag kings who're new to their practice. There's a lot of misogyny too, even in the queer community I think that's why drag kings might not have a massive light shone on them. They've been going on forever, but people just don't tell their story. With the Stonewall riots, everyone talks about Marsha P, but nobody talks about Stormé DeLarverie, who's said to have thrown the first punch. Nobody knows who they are. I think it's all about misogyny, to be honest.

Have you borrowed anything from your drag king character for the role of Adrian?

I think it would be in my best interests not to, because Louis Cyfer, my character, is quite a naughty little bugger!

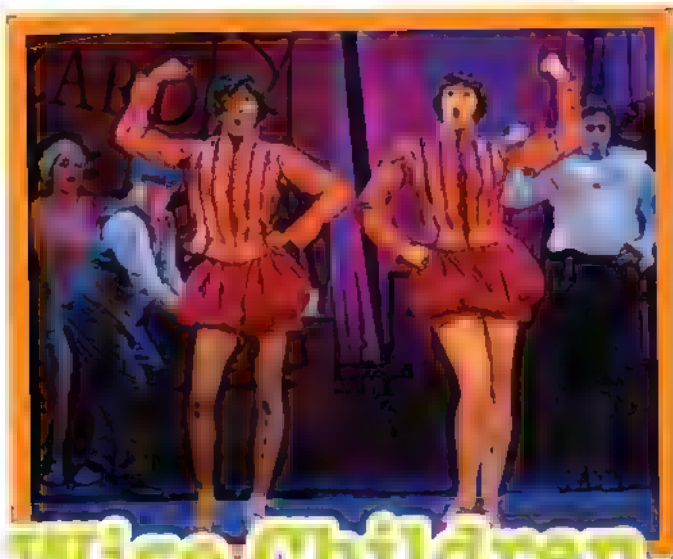
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Rotterdam shows at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 April and also at the Birmingham REP from Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 May



What's On

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Wise Children

Showbusiness, sex, scandal and family drama lie at the heart of *Wise Children*, a new play based on the late Angela Carter's final novel, which closely follows the trials, tribulations and triumphs of theatrical twins Nora and Dora Chance.

"They're not completely identical twins," explains the show's director, Emma Rice. "Dora has got secrets in her past and is much more guarded and sharp than Nora, while Nora is very emotional. With the Chance twins, we really go through their history in its entirety - their loves, their losses and the abuses that they suffer. Yet throughout, they're such good fun and are never victims. They're always joyful, irreverent and, actually, very sexy. We initially meet them when they're 75, and they're still sexy and full of sauciness!"

Belgrade Theatre, Coventry - Tuesday 2 - Saturday 6 April

Pandora Boxx



Drag queen, actor, comedian, recording artist and writer Pandora Boxx is best known as a contestant on RuPaul's *Drag Race*. A self-proclaimed geeky weirdo who's addicted to glitter and making people laugh, Pandora brings her one-woman show to the UK for the first time this month.

**Nightingale Club,
Birmingham - Saturday 20
April**



Tucked

This feelgood slice-of-life drama about love, loss and friendship focuses on the unlikely connection that forms between an 80-year-old drag artist and a younger queen. As both struggle with issues of gender identity and mortality, the pair also discover how to truly be themselves...

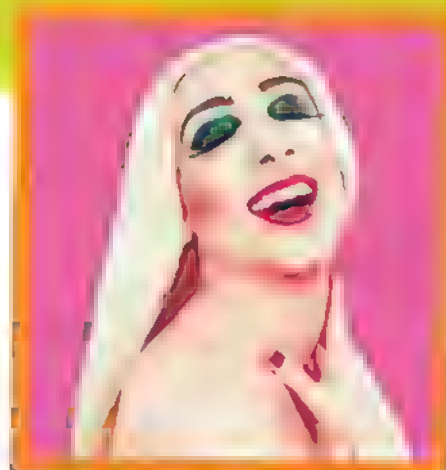
In cinemas from Friday 26 April

Why Isn't Everybody Talking About Fifi?

Jamie Campbell, the inspiration for hit West End musical *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, is bringing a brand new show to Birmingham this month. Performing as his drag persona, Fifi La True, he presents a loose narrative based around the success of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*. Fifi has been feeling forgotten by Jamie since the production became a West End hit, and sees her own show as her chance to shine...

Expect high-energy choreography and a ridiculous number of fabulously fast costume changes.

Nightingale Club, Birmingham - Saturday 6 April



Music Hall Tavern

Providing entertainment across the Canaries for more than two decades, Music Hall Tavern are back with a brand new show

Now in their sixth year touring the UK, Mrs T and the 'girls' here present a show featuring 'dazzling costumes, side-splitting laughter and a cast of unique characters singing and dancing all night long'.

**Crescent Theatre, Birmingham -
Sun 7 April**



The Chalkdust Choir

The Chalkdust Choir are a group of seven talented singers who have been performing together for over a decade. They are known for their harmonious sound and their ability to perform a wide range of music, from classic hymns to contemporary hits. The choir has been featured on several television shows and has performed at numerous venues across the country. They are currently touring the UK and will be performing at the Old Joint Stock Theatre in Birmingham on Friday 10th and Sunday 12th May.

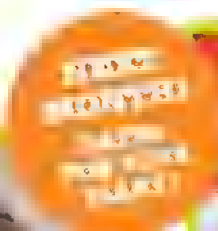
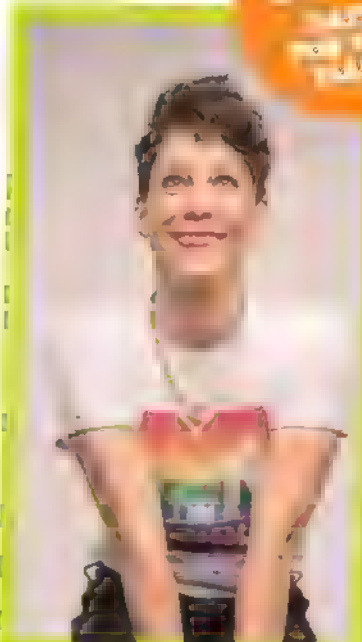
Suzi Ruffell

Gay, quirky and delightfully self-deprecating, Suzi Ruffell is making good progress in the challenging world of standup comedy

Presenting an unquestionably likeable persona, she imbues her act with an impressive dynamism - although critics point out that she'd probably benefit from developing a 'unique selling point'. As well as being a comedian, Suzi's also a writer, contributing to shows including 8 Out Of 10 Cats, The Last Leg and Stand Up For The Week.

Away from comedy, she lists her 'likes' as 'cooking' and 'those cats with no hair'.

**Glee Club,
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Wednesday 8 May and
Glee Club, Nottingham
- Thursday 9 May**



Summer Street The Musical

Take a trip down memory lane to the 1990s and the heyday of the Aussie soap. Four soap stars of yesteryear try to resurrect their failing careers in a comeback TV special with more than a few surprises! But just how high a price are they willing to pay for fame?...

Packed full of pastiche songs and nostalgic fun, Summer Street is a place where the sun will always shine. Or will it?

**The Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham -
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FOUR tickets to Jock Night!

Fancy a night at the theatre, dazzerling? Midlands Zone is offering you the chance to win four tickets to the opening night of Adam Zane's new play, Jock Night, at Birmingham's Old Joint Stock Theatre on Wednesday 24 April!

Jock Night is the hottest club night in town - but the drama starts as the club night ends...

Zane's new play follows five men as they search for love and friendship in a world of sex and drugs...

This is an honest look at the popularity of chemsex, the use of online dating apps and the still evident stigma that exists around HIV.

Jock Night runs at the Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham, from Wednesday 24 to Saturday 27 April.



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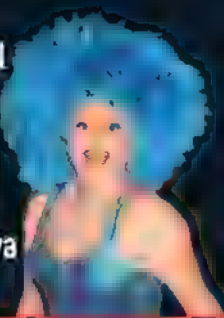


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Kelly Wilde

Friday 5 April
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Blue's Simon Webbe

All Rise for Simon Webbe A member of noughties quartet Blue who released three chart topping studio albums, All Rise, One Love and Guilty Simon will here be performing hits from his time with the band as well as from his solo career

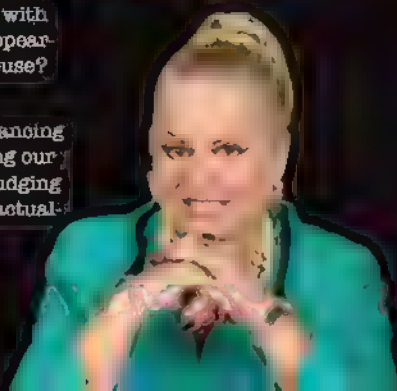
Saturday 13 April, The Yard, Coventry

Kim Woodburn returns!

The Nightingale's third Pounded night of the month - complete with £1 drinks! - will feature an appearance by How Clean Is Your House? star Kim Woodburn.

There'll also be a \$250 pole-dancing contest to enjoy. We're crossing our fingers that Kim will just be judging the competition, rather than actually taking part in it herself!

Thursday 18 April,
Nightingale, Birmingham



THE VIVIENNE RETURNS!

Direct from Gran Canaria - a Village Inn exclusive!

Sparkles Show 8pm onwards the Vivienne flies into Birmingham to give exclusive performances at the Village Inn. It's also a meet and greet and cheeky photo session.

Saturday 20 April, Village Inn, Birmingham

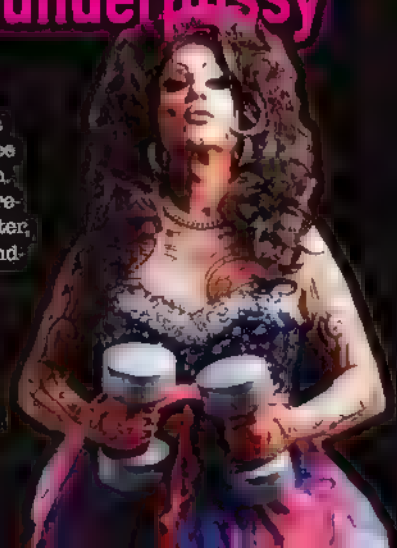


Miss Thunderpussy

International drag superstar Miss Thunderpussy visits Birmingham not once but twice this month. Brummies should prepare for cheeky banter, dirty talkin' and blinding tunes!

Friday 18 April
Village Inn,
Birmingham

Thursday 18 April,
Nightingale,
Birmingham



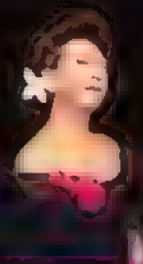
Trisha Birmingham

Friday 19 April
The Yard,
Coventry



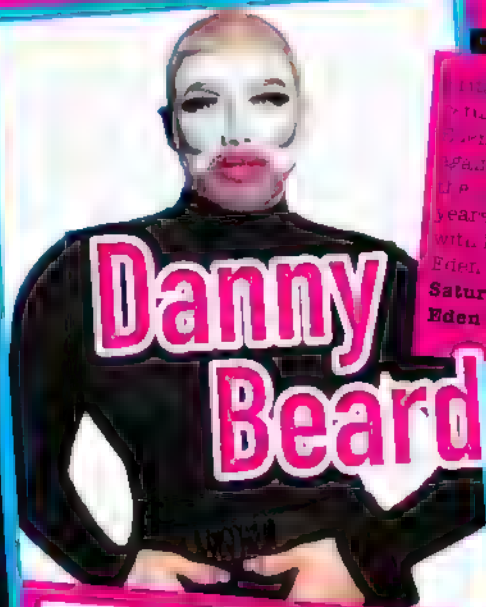
Lady Imelda

Thursday 18 April
Eden Bar,
Birmingham



Drag With No Name

Monday 1 April
Havana Republic,
Shrewsbury



Danny Beard

Meet showbiz fairy of Danny Beard against Birmingham's award winning Eden Bar this month and then return to Waddi Fairy's certain to be perfect party's favour to drag acts in next years so it's all have a laugh up with him make sure you head with Eden this month.
Saturday 6 and Thursday 25 April,
Eden Bar, Birmingham

Tainted Love: The Drag Dating Show

Expect madness and mayhem in this twisted live drag dating gameshow hosted by washed-up TV presenter Paul Aleksandr and his clueless assistant, Tanja McKenzie. Oh, and prepare for plenty of audience participation too!

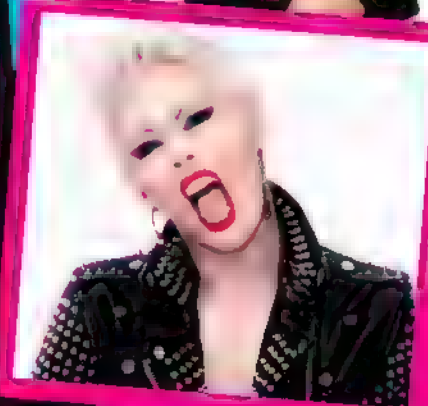
Friday 12 April,
Nightingale, Birmingham



Cher tribute for Pride

This Cher tribute show with Tama Albom is being staged to help raise funds for Coventry Pride, so give it your support!

Saturday 6 April, The Yard, Coventry



Vicky Jackson this Easter!

Coventry's favourite PINK tribute returns to the Village Inn this month for a Easter Sunday special to be held down and rock the party with Vicky Jackson!

Sunday 21 April, Village Inn, Birmingham

PARTY WITH MARTY

Birmingham drag legend Marty Smith is heading back out around the Midlands this month. She'll be serving up her usual delightful dose of fun, games and naughty antics!

Friday 5 April, The Yard, Coventry

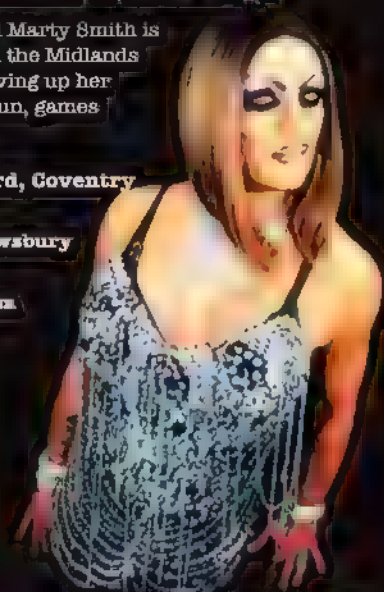
Monday 15 April,
Havana Republic, Shrewsbury

Thursday 18 April,
Village Inn, Birmingham

Bonnie La Blue

Blackpool belle Bonnie La Blue is packing her best frocks, some camp'n'cheesy tunes, plenty of banter and heading to Dudley!

Saturday 6 April, Bar Diva, Dudley



What's On

DRAG RACE'S Mercedes Iman Diamond

This Minneapolis queen is fresh from Season 11 of RuPaul's Drag Race! As the show's first ever Muslim contestant, the self-proclaimed African princess was ready to show the world that "Muslim is not a terrorist!"

She's all about the gorgeous body, and is set to own the stage when she appears at Birmingham's biggest gay club this month!

Saturday 13 April,
Nightingale, Birmingham

JACQUI CANN

Stars In Their Eyes champion Jacqui Cann channels the sounds of Alison Moyet. Get ready for all the hits, from All Cried Out to Invisible.

Saturday 13 April, Bar Diva, Dudley

RETURN OF THE MAC

Macaroni is back! The legendary Birmingham-based drag duo return to the stage with a new line-up of performers. Expect a night of high camp, high drag and high entertainment.

Saturday 13 April, The Loft, Birmingham

Glitoris Girls

Joining Yard regular Rockella Brown this month are the outrageous Glitoris Girls, an all-singing all-dancing drag duo who will certainly get the party started!

Fri 12 April,
The Yard, Coventry

ELECTRIC BLUE

Blue, blue, Electric Blue! Dudley's the place to head for if you fancy a memorable evening of camp frolics and dancefloor fillers!

Saturday 20 April, Bar Diva, Dudley

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE:

Tues 11 April

Jazz At The Loft with Lewis Sallows Sextet & special guests Loft, Birmingham

Sat 13 April

The Bakers Reunion Part 2 with Decadence Chic, B'ham

Miss Disney Red Lion, Walsall

Mother's Meeting Birthday Event Bar Jester, B'ham

Sun 14 April

Leather Social Eden, Birmingham (and 15 April)

Queer Still Life Drawing The Loft, Birmingham

Thursday 19 April

Silent Rave In The Attic Chic, Birmingham

Fri 19 April

Mids Bears Eden, Birmingham

XXL Birmingham

The Core, Birmingham

Glittersh*t - XXX Party!

The Nightingale, Birmingham

Sat 20 April

£1000 Cash Drop! Nightingale, Birmingham

Unpronounceable Sessions

LIVE MUSIC - Spho The Loft, Birmingham

Sun 21 April

Rodeo Bull & Easter Egg Hunt Bar Diva, Dudley

Vinyl Overdrive Gossip, Stoke

The Kudos Reunion ft Tony Di Bart Chic, B'ham

Yard Loves House with Paul Morrell, Simon Baker & Richard Alexander at The Yard, Coventry

Kings 'n' Things with Cycki Brokat, Annie Aml & Indy Nile The Fox, Birmingham



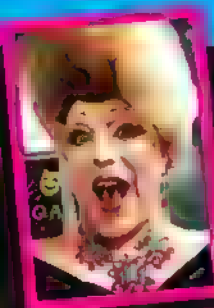
Brenda LaBeau

Saturday 30 April
Eden Bar,
Birmingham



Lola Lasagne

Friday 19 April
Village Inn,
Birmingham



Dr Beverly Ballcrusher

If you want a fun-filled Friday, head to The Yard and get ready to party. Dr Ballcrusher will see you now...

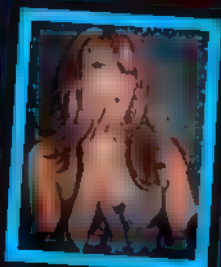
Fri 26 April, The Yard, Coventry

Sandra London

The Whore of Hampstead Heath returns to the Midlands this month to get you in the party spirit!

Friday 26 April, Village Inn, Birmingham

Sat 27 April, Red Lion, Walsall



Sink the PINK - when I grow up!

Join the Pink Society for a night of fun, games and prizes. Growing up 'superheroes' theme. Dress as your favourite superhero or villain. Prizes for best costume. Sink the Pink Society will be on hand to help you with your superhero theme. Sink the Pink Society will be on hand to help you with your superhero theme.

Saturday 6 April, Nightingale, Birmingham

Mon 22 April

BINGO special with £600 CASH up for Grabs
The Village Inn,
Birmingham

Unicorn Disco Missing Bar, Birmingham

Fri 26 April

Murder Mystery The Loft

Sat 27 April

Club Scratches
Eden, Birmingham

Fierce Fantasy The Fox, Birmingham

Unpronounceable Sessions
LIVE MUSIC - Infamous Dimez Loft, Birmingham

Sun 28 April

Witch Craft The Loft, Birmingham

Email any events listings to
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The Loft

UNPRONOUNCEABLE PRESENTS
THE LOFT SESSIONS

LIVE MUSIC //
FREE ENTRY

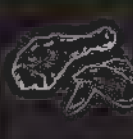
EVERY SATURDAY
IN APRIL & MAY
4PM - 6.30PM

20/04 - SIPHO

27/04 - INFAMOUS DIMEZ

04/05 - DRE HOSK

11/05 - WI7S



THE LOFT,
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BIRMINGHAM, B5 6RG

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Birmingham

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Sherlock St, B5 6NB
Tel: 0121 622 1953
theedenbar.co.uk
/eden.bar

EVERY WEDNESDAY 8PM
Quizical with DJ Yogi



EVERY FRIDAY & SUNDAY
Karaoke & Disco with DJ
Nikki

EVERY SATURDAY
DJ Paul Lee & DJ Paul
alternate weeks



THE LOFT

12 Bromsgrove St,
B5 6HG
Tel: 0121 6222 444
theloftlounge.co.uk
/The-Loft-Lounge

FIRST MONDAY OF
THE MONTH
Queen's Quiz

EVERY MONDAY
Monday Cocktail Club
2 for £10

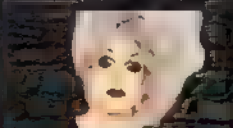
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Wing It Wednesday
Kilo of wings and drink £10

MISSING BAR

Hurst St, B5 6NU
Tel: 0121 622 4256
missingbar.co.uk
/missingbar

EVERY MONDAY UNTIL 4AM
Ministry of Pound with
DJ Mike Emery

EVERY TUESDAY
Karaoke with Gavina Vagina

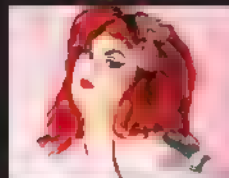


EVERY THURSDAY 9PM
Throwback Thursdays with
DJ Gavina

EVERY FRIDAY 9PM
Hit Man and Hit with DJ
Mike Emery
& Gavina Vagina

ALTERNATE SATURDAYS
Back to Back Saturdays with
DJ Matty, DJ Mike Emery and
host Twigg

EVERY SUNDAY 8.30pm &
10.30pm
Double Cabaret with Amy
LaQueefa



NIGHTINGALE CLUB

Kent St, B5 6RD
Tel: 0121 622 1718
nightingaleclub.co.uk
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EVERY THURSDAY
Pounded! with £1 drinks all
night

EVERY FRIDAY
Absolute Anthems with DJ's
Carey Hadley and Scott
Hilton

EVERY SATURDAY
Nightingale Saturdays with
free entry until 12pm

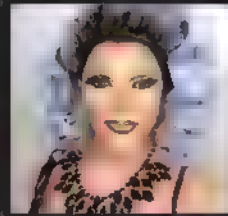


THE VILLAGE INN

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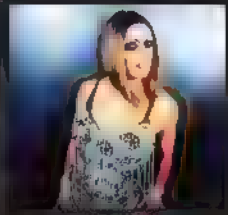
EVERY MONDAY 9PM
Binge with Queeny

EVERY TUESDAY
Pick n Mix with Gianni Lemon
& Blanche



EVERY WEDNESDAY
Karaoke with Charlotte the
Harlotte

EVERY THURSDAY
Miss Marty & Miss Penny



alternate weeks

EVERY SUNDAY
Yssee Black & special
guests

PLUS THESE VENUES

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Holloway Circus, B1 1EG
Tel: 0121 643 8344

BOLTZ CLUB
Lower Essex St, B5 6QP
Tel: 0121 666 6888

CLUB CHIC
28 Horsefair, B1 1DD
Tel: 0121 666 6806

THE CORE
Sherlock St, B5 6NB
Tel: 0121 622 2797

DEVILS KITCHEN
Kent St, B5 6NB

FOUNTAIN INN
Wrentham St, B5 6QJ
Tel: 0121 622 1452

THE FOX
17 Lower Essex St,
B5 6SN Tel: 0121 622 3213

GLAMOROUS
27-35 Hurst St, B5 4BD
Tel: 0121 622 5912

SIDEWALK
Hurst Street, B5 6SE
Tel: 0121 668 6220

Birmingham venue



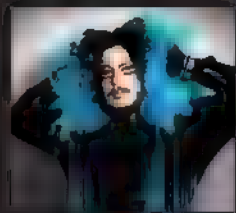
THE CROWN INN

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CABARET LOUNGE**
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GLAMOROUS COVENTRY
88 Short St, CV1 2LX

THE YARD
11-12 Bull Yard, CV1 1LH
Tel: 02475 012 959
theyardcoventry.co.uk
/TheYardCoventry

EVERY TUESDAY
Jelly Cube quiz night



EVERY WEDNESDAY
Open mic night hosted by
Tom Barnwell

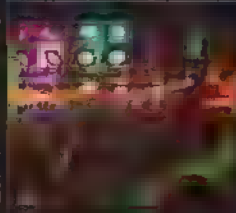
EVERY THURSDAY 8PM
Free Shot Karaoke with
Jupiter & Minerva



EVERY SATURDAY
DJ Richard Alexander with
Jupiter and Minerva

EVERY SUNDAY
Bingo, Play Your Cards Right
and Deal or No Deal with
weekly cash prizes of over
£100

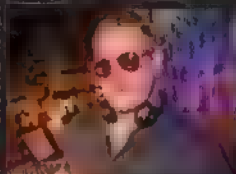
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76 Lower Plaza Mall, King
Street, DY2 8NZ
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EVERY MONDAY
Manic Monday with Miss
Annie

EVERY THURSDAY
Get Pounded Karaoke with
Miss Annie

EVERY FRIDAY
Freaky Friday's with DJ
Mikey



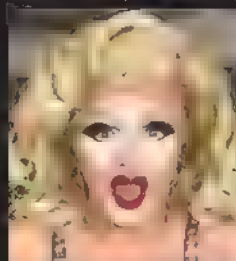
EVERY SATURDAY
Cabaret Saturdays with Miss
Annie

EVERY SUNDAY
Ring & Ride with Mo &
Margaret

HAVANA REPUBLIC

18-21 Abbey Foregate,
SY2 6AE
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havanarepublic.co.uk
/HavanaRepublic

EVERY MONDAY
Fabulous Mondays with Miss
Penny and guest cabaret
every 1st and 3rd Monday



THE PEACH TREE
18-21 Abbey Foregate
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thepeachtree.co.uk
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GOSSIP
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Tel: 07399 664955

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93 Stafford Street, ST1 1LS
Tel: 01782 272772

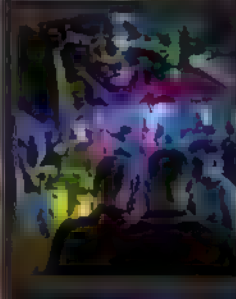
THREE FURNACES
30 Bridgnorth Rd, Madeley
TF7 4JB, 01952 588521

THE LION
Birchills St WS2 8NG
Tel: 01922 610977

THE RED LION
Park St WS1 1NW
Tel: 01922 637790

GORGEOUS
School St. WV1 4LF
Tel: 01902 427247
/gorgeousbar

EVERY SATURDAY 10PM
EGO Saturdays



THE FLAG
50 Lowesmoor, WR1 2SG
Tel: 01905 780467

VELVET CLUB
Angel Row, WR1 3QN
Tel: 01905 20218

THE CROWN INN
40 Curzon St. DE1 1LL
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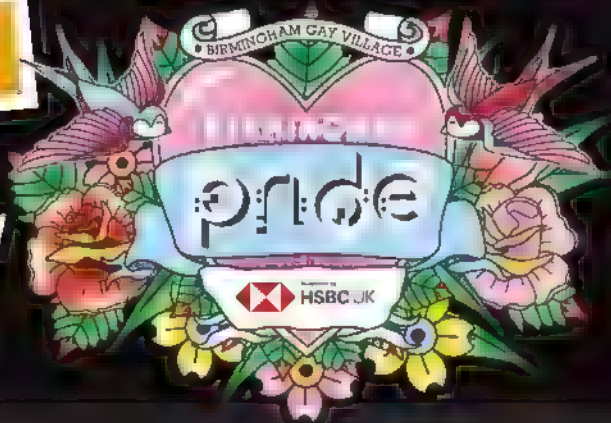


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Everything you need to know
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Massive refurb
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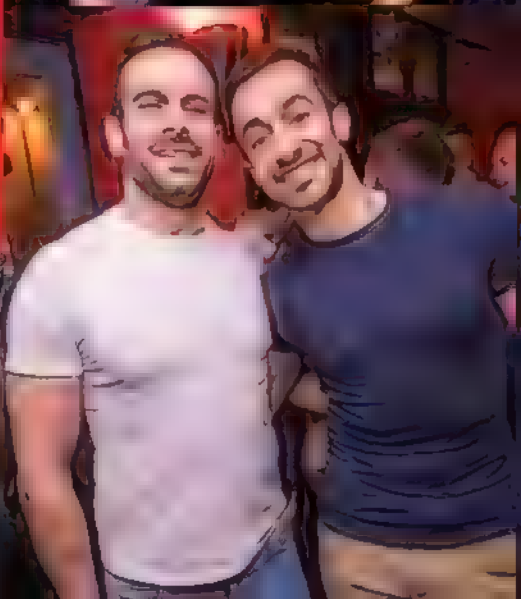
Missing as they
rip out the old
bar and flooring

MISSING BIRMINGHAM

You may have noticed that Missing Bar is currently closed for a massive refurbishment.

One of the busiest venues in Birmingham's Gay Village, Missing will soon boast a brand new bar, new sound & lighting, DJ box and stage - yep, it's quite an extensive refurb!

The venue's exact re-opening date hasn't been confirmed yet - but it will definitely be up and running for Easter, when they'll be holding their biggest ever Monday party with Unicorn Disco (Bank Holiday Monday - see opposite) complete with two floors of music, £1 drinks and a night full of surprises! We can't wait!



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Missing

APRIL 2019

ON - UNDER



#UNICORN DISCO

MONDAY
22ND APRIL

TWO FLOORS OF MUSIC . 2 DJ'S
PARTY WITH THE IN HOUSE UNICORNS
AND A MASSIVE RANGE OF DRINKS FOR ONE POUND

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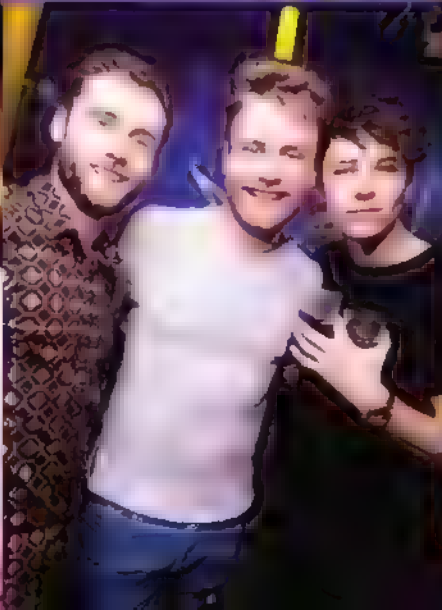
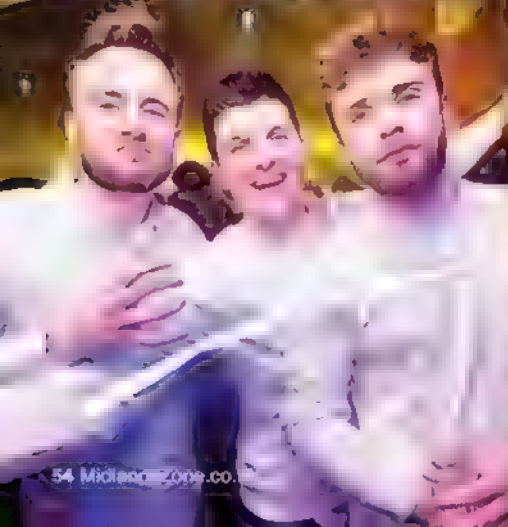
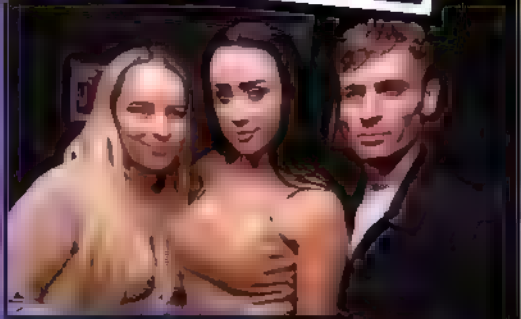
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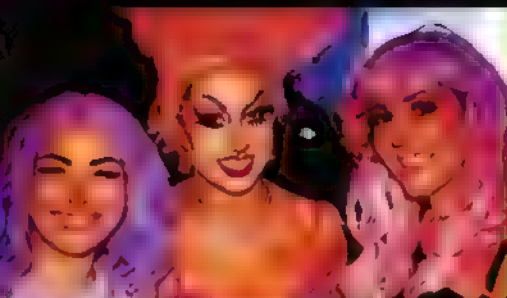
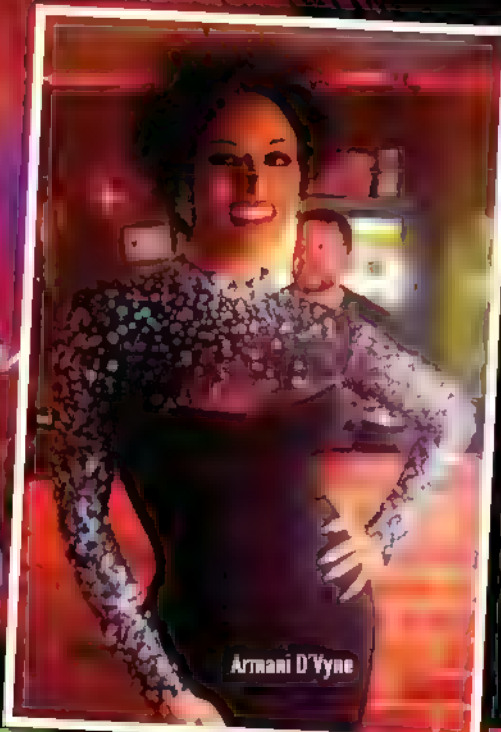
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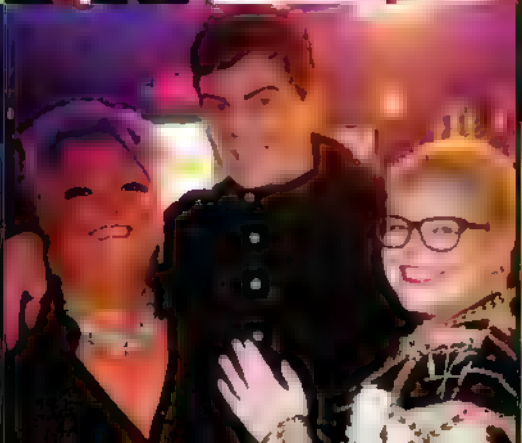
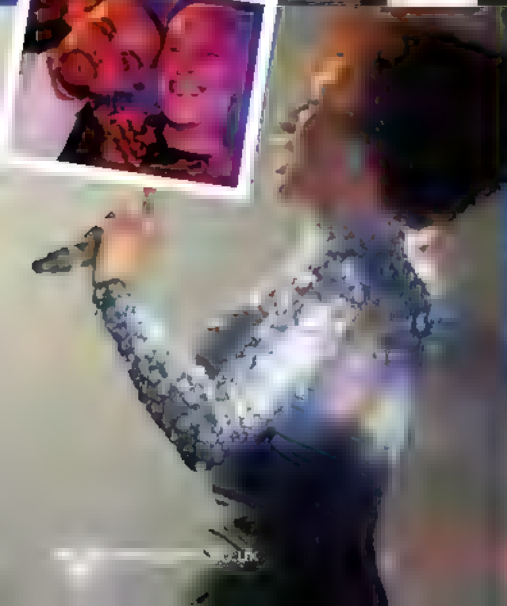
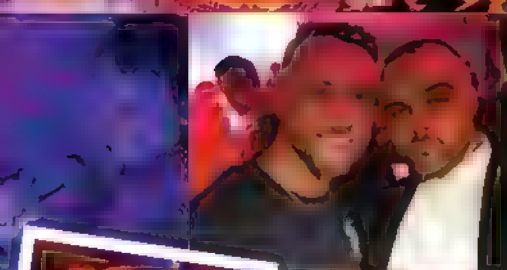


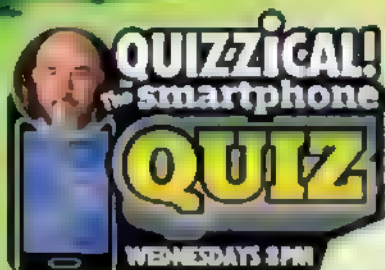
EDEN BAR

Last month Eden had another action-packed line-up of live cabaret including the fantastic Armani D'Vyne – all the way from Gran Canaria – who made her Birmingham debut – and she's sure to be back!

In April you'll give the chance to see Eden's favourite cabaret stars again with Mary Mac, Brenda LaBeau, and Danny Beard all performing during the month.

And if you haven't yet had the chance to pop along to the venues Quizzical night on a Wednesday – it's worth a visit – especially as it was awarded a Midlands Zone SILVER AWARD in the Best One-Nighter category!





WITH DJ YOGI *SpeedQuizzing*



WITH DJ NIKKI



ZONE Garry, Cal & the team at Eden Bar would like to thank everyone that voted for them in The 2019 Midlands Zone Readers' Awards

SAT
6th

DANNY BEARD

SUN
14th

LEATHER SOCIAL

THUR
18th

LADY IMELDA

FRI
19th

MIDS BEARS

SAT
20th

BRENDA LaBEAU

THU
25th

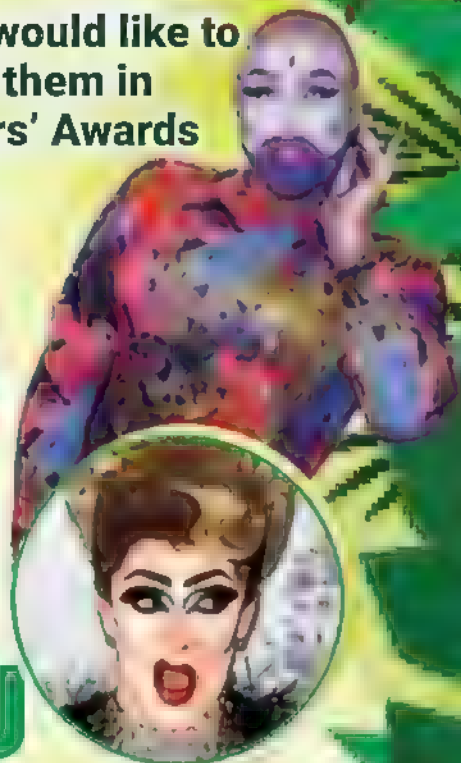
DANNY BEARD

SAT
27th

CLUB SCRITCHES

SAT
27th

MARY MAC



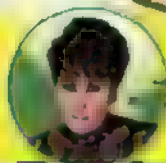
DJ TONI LEE

SAT 13th & SAT 27th



DJ PONI

SAT 6th & SAT 20th



DJ NIKKI

FRI & SUN

EVERY FRI & SUN KARAOKE & DISCO WITH DJ NIKKI

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THE YARD

KIVEMINT

Last month The Yard had the luck of the draw, with a jam-packed day of celebrations for St Paddy's!

April is set to be another buzzing month (see opposite), with a Cher tribute performing a Coventry Pride fundraiser on Sat the 6th, Blue's Simon Webbe live on stage on Sat the 13th, and an Easter Bank Holiday night of house on Sun the 21st.



April

AT THE YARD

EVERY WEEK

TUESDAY - QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY - OPEN MIC NIGHT

THURSDAY - FREE SHOT KARAOKE

SUNDAY - GAMES NIGHT

MISS MARTY
FRIDAY 5 APRIL

GLITOROUS GIRLS
FRIDAY 12 APRIL

TRISHA BIRMINGHAM
FRIDAY 19 APRIL

DR. BEVERLY
BALLCRUSHER
FRIDAY 26 APRIL

PERFORMING
HITS FROM
BLUE

CHER TRIBUTE
NIGHT SAT 6 APR

RAISING MONEY FOR COVENTRY PRIDE

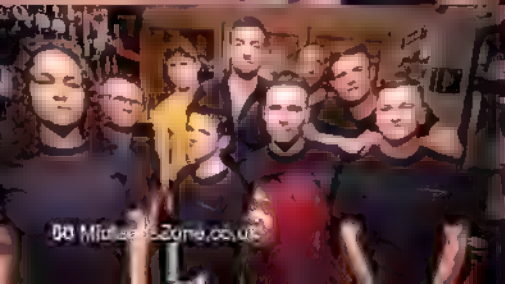
SIMON WEBBE
LIVE SAT 13 APR

SUNDAY 21 APRIL BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 9PM-3AM
PAUL MORRELL, SIMON BAKER & RICHARD ALEXANDER
A NIGHT OF HOUSE

the
yard

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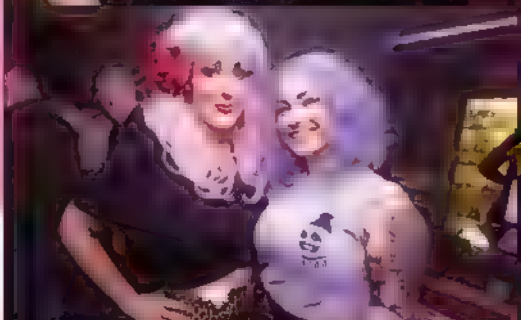
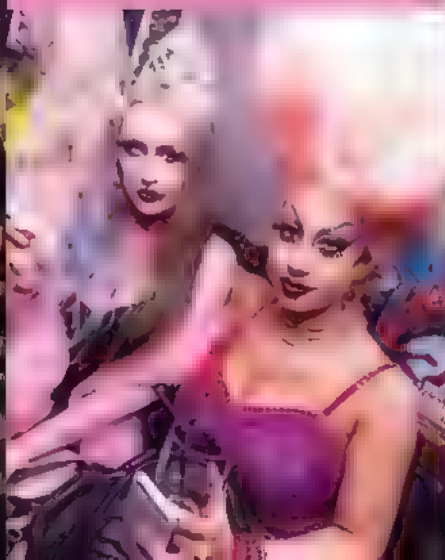
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VILLAGE INN

March was a great month for The Village Inn, with the ever-popular venue winning four GOLD Midlands Zone Readers' Awards - including Best Birmingham Gay Bar!

The Village has another bumper line-up of cabaret to enjoy in April (see opposite), including performances from Lola Lasagne, The Vivienne and Vicky Jackson as Pink across the Easter weekend!



FRI 12TH APRIL
MISS THUNDERPUSSY

FRI 5TH APRIL
KELLY WILDE

FRI 26TH APRIL
SANDRA LONDON



**APRIL
CABARET**

GOOD FRIDAY

19TH APRIL
LOLA LASAGNE

EASTER SATURDAY

20TH APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

21ST APRIL
VICKY JACKSON
AS PINK

THE VIVIENNE
THE VILLAGE INN

NOW OPEN DAILY - FROM 1PM

ZONE

Readers' Awards
2019

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Meanwhile, on Easter Sunday, the venue will host an Easter egg hunt, and the popular rodeo bull will make its return...

APRIL

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13th April
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20th April
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Easter Sunday

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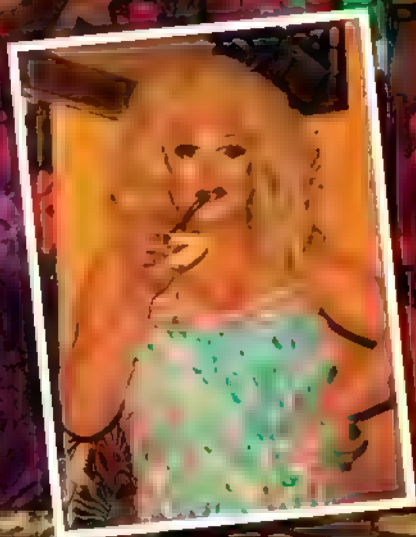
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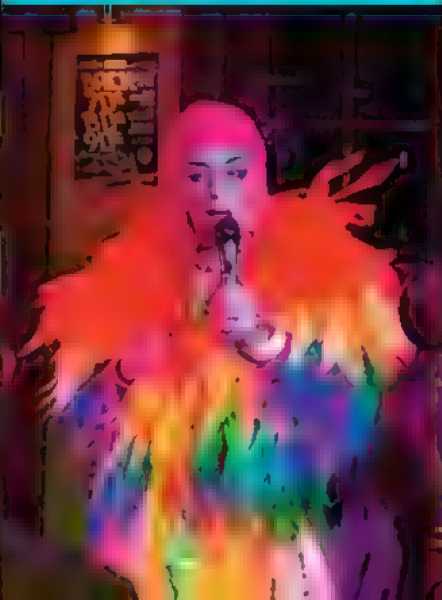


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